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DEVOTIONS AND PRAYERS FOR THE SICK-ROOM.

I. AT THE BEGINNING OF AN ILLNESS.

Morning Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, from my innermost heart I return Thee thanks for having preserved me this night. I commend myself once more to Thy paternal protection, resigning myself entirely to Thy divine will, whether I live or am soon to die. I offer Thee all the discomfort, all the sufferings and pains which I shall have to endure this day. For the love of Thee will I bear all sufferings and unite them with the Passion and death of Jesus Christ. As often this day as I shall sigh or breathe, or speak, or open and close my eyes, as often as I shall take food or drink or medicine, so often do I desire,

O my God, to adore, to praise, and to love Thee. Accept, O Lord, the good will for the deed if, overpowered by the weight of my sufferings or weakness, I should neglect to offer Thee all. If Thou vouchsafest, O almighty God, to grant me another day, let Thy most holy name be praised. But shouldst Thou please to call me hence this day, let Thy most holy will be done.

O Mary, health of the sick, after God my only refuge, I implore thee, intercede for me with thy beloved Son, that through thy most powerful intercession I may obtain either health or the grace of a happy death. Protect me against the enemy of my salvation; obtain for me the grace that I, thy faithful child, may one day enjoy thy company in heaven. O most beloved Mother, to thee I entrust the care of my soul and body. With the help of thy protection, O most powerful Lady and tenderest Mother, I firmly hope to obtain my salvation.

O my holy angel guardian, I thank thee for having so carefully watched over me this night. I beseech thee and all the other holy angels to guard me during this day and until the end of my life.

And you, O saints of God, especially my patron saints, help me with your intercession this day and do not abandon me in the hour on which all my eternity depends. Incline in my favor the divine Judge, that I may become an heir of everlasting bliss.

Night Prayer.

ALL love and praise be to the Most Holy Trinity, God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost! I render Thee, O Lord, infinite thanks for all the benefits and sufferings Thou hast bestowed upon me this day. I humbly crave Thy pardon if I have not borne my pains with due patience. I commend myself to Thy divine patronage this night. I am heartily sorry for all my sins, because thereby I have offended Thee, O supreme Good, Whom I love above all things. Would that I had not offended Thee! I firmly purpose to amend my life. In reparation of my sins, I offer Thee, O heavenly Father, the infinite merits of Thy divine Son, Jesus Christ. Do not let the merits of His most dear sufferings and death be lost for me. Jesus, for Thee I sleep; Jesus, for Thee I wake; Jesus, for Thee I live;

Jesus, for Thee I die; Jesus, I am Thine in life and in death. Amen.

Most holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, assuage my pains this night. Shield me in the hour of temptation, be my powerful intercessor with Jesus, thy divine Son.

Holy angel guardian and all ye saints of God, protect me this night and preserve me from all evil.

Merciful God, have pity on the souls in purgatory; give them eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Act of Resignation to the Will of God.

“MY FATHER, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt” (Matt. xxvi. 39). “For what have I in heaven? and besides Thee, what do I desire upon earth? . . . Thou art the God of my heart, and the God that is my portion forever” (Ps. lxxii. 25, 26). As the Lord willeth, so be it. “I will take the chalice of salvation and I

will call upon the name of the Lord " (Ps. cxv. 13). " My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready " (Ps. cvii. 2). Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Illness, pains and death do I accept from Thy hand, O God, willing as I am to suffer for the love of Thee. " Cut, burn, in this life, O Lord, only spare me in the next " (St. Augustine). If Thou wilt, O my God, that I should continue to live longer, let me live only for Thee; if Thou wilt that I die, let me die in Thy peace. O Jesus, to Thee I resign myself; into Thy hands do I commend myself, as Thou didst commend Thyself to Thy heavenly Father. I give myself up to Thee, and all that is mine; dispose of it as Thou pleasest. I am ready to suffer as much and as long as Thy divine wisdom has decreed. My only wish, O Jesus, is that Thy divine will be accomplished; I will live and die according to this will. Amen.

Prayer for Speedy Recovery.

O MY GOD, Whom every creature obeys, at Whose command every kind of infirmity or illness is removed, hear my prayer; hold out to me the hand of Thy mercy and cure me of every

disorder of body and soul. Send me Thy Holy Spirit, that He may at all times protect, enlighten, visit me, and preserve me from evil of body and soul. Place Thy holy angel at my side, that he may heal me as he healed Tobias of old. May God the Father, Who created me, bless and heal me; may God the Son, Who suffered for me, bless and heal me; may God the Holy Ghost, Who sanctified me in Baptism, bless and heal me ! Let the cross of Christ bless me; the cross of Christ heal me; the cross of Christ preserve me, that I may obtain life everlasting. Amen.

Litany for the Sick.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Who art near to all those who in-
voke Thee,
Jesus, Who through mercy helpst all who
confide in Thee,
Jesus, Who didst go to seek and cure the
sick,
Jesus, Who didst stay up the weak and suf-
fering,
Jesus, Who dost refresh those who labor
and are heavily burdened,
Jesus, Who didst console the stricken
hearts,
Jesus, Who didst raise the dead unto life,
Jesus, Who didst bear all our pains,
Be merciful, *spare us, O Jesus.*
Be merciful, *hear us, O Jesus.*
From all evil,
From all sin,
From all diseases and infirmities,
From impatience and despondency,
From the snares of the devil,

Have mercy on us.

Deliver us, O Jesus.

From a sudden and unprovided death,
From eternal damnation,
Through Thy toils and hardships,
Through Thy affliction and tears,
Through Thine agony and bloody sweat,
Through Thy holy wounds,
Through Thy precious blood,
Through Thy Passion and cross,
Through Thy bitter death,
Through Thy glorious resurrection,
Through Thy marvellous ascension,
In the Day of Judgment,

Deliver us, O Jesus.

We, poor sinners, *beseech Thee, hear us.*

That Thou wouldst spare us,

That Thou wouldst pardon us,

That Thou wouldst bring us to true pen-
ance,

That Thou wouldst give us a contrite
heart,

That Thou wouldst strengthen us in our
weakness,

That Thou wouldst preserve us in patience,

That Thou wouldst relieve our pains,

That Thou wouldst restore us to health of
body and soul,

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That Thou wouldst grant us persever-
ance in good,

That Thou wouldst grant us a happy death,

That Thou wouldst receive our spirit into
Thy hands,

That Thou wouldst preserve us from the
fire of purgatory,

That Thou wouldst bring us to the joys of
heaven,

Son of God,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us,

Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us,

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father (*secretly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation,

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

V. Save, O Lord, Thy servants.

We beseech Thee, hear us.

R. Who hope in Thy mercy.

V. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us Pray.

O HEAVENLY Father, have mercy on Thy servant, who is sick. Confirm him [her] in faith, strengthen his [her] hope, fill him [her] with the fire of Thy love. Give him [her] enduring patience, that he [she] may victoriously go through the fight and suffer everything for Thy greater glory and the salvation of his [her] soul. Lessen his [her] pains, forgive him [her] his [her] sins, and bring him [her] to life everlasting. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Act of Contrition.

(Father von Cochem.)

HAVE mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out all my iniquities. O God, forgive me my sins! O bountiful God, I

am heartily sorry for having so often offended Thee. O merciful God, I am so sorry for my sins that my heart fails within me! Miserable man that I am, what have I done! O, that God may take pity on me! How many and what grievous sins have I committed! Ah, that I had not done so! Would that I had never offended my God! Forever will I be sorry for my sins. Forgive me, ah, forgive me, O my God, and think no longer of the outrage I have done Thee.

I love Thee, O my God, with all my heart,
And 'tis for me the greatest smart,
That I offended Thee, the supreme Good!
Ah, wash me clean in Jesus' blood!

Act of Confidence in God.

(St. Alphonsus.)

“No one hath hoped in the Lord, and hath been confounded” (Ecclus. ii. 11). “Christ is the propitiation for our sins” (1 John ii. 2), that is to say, He died to obtain forgiveness for our sins. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Into Thy hands I

commend my spirit: Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious blood. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped: I shall not be confounded forever. O good Jesus, hide me in Thy wounds!

My Jesus, Thou wilt not deny me pardon, Who didst not refuse to give Thy life and Thy blood for me! Passion of Jesus, merits of Jesus, wounds of Jesus, blood of Jesus, death of Jesus, behold my hope.

Mary, my Mother, thou must save me: have pity upon me. Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, oursweetness and our hope! Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me a sinner. We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

St. Michael, archangel, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

O all ye holy angels and saints of God, pray for us.

Act of the Love of God.

(Father von Cochem.)

O MY GOD, Thou knowest how much my heart yearns to love Thee and to cling to Thee alone! O my sweet Love, grant that I may ever love Thee more and more and always think of Thee! O my God, how much do I love Thee! I love Thee from the bottom of my heart, and with all the powers of my soul! O my dearest Father, I am unable to tell Thee how much I love Thee! I love Thee more than all the things of this world, nay, more than my very life. Willingly do I offer it to Thee, if thereby I can honor and please Thee. Would to God that this illness may tend to Thy greater glory and the salvation of my soul!

Act of Resignation to the Will of God.

(Father von Cochem.)

O MY GOD, I resign myself with all my heart to Thy divine will; dispose of me. As my beloved Redeemer in the Garden of Olives resigned Himself to Thy fatherly will, so in like manner do I resign myself. Graciously deign to receive my sufferings, and let my illness be for Thy glory. I unite all my pains with those

of Thy divine Son, and my sickness with His bitter Passion. I accept everything from Thy divine hand and most willingly suffer it for Thy sake. As Thy Son accepted every suffering, so do I accept all my pain from Thy hand. I desire to suffer with the same patience as He endured His sacred Passion, and to offer to Thee my torments with the same love as Christ offered His.

Short Indulgenced Prayers.

MY GOD and my All.

(Fifty days' indulgence each time, applicable to the souls in purgatory; Leo XIII., May 4, 1888.)

My God, I believe in Thee, because Thou art the eternal Truth; I hope in Thee, because Thou art almighty, good and faithful; I love Thee, because Thou art the supreme Good.

(Seven years and seven quarantines each time; Benedict XIV., Jan. 28, 1756.)

O omnipotence of the Father, sustain my weakness and save me from the abyss of my misery. O wisdom of the Son, direct all my thoughts, words, and works. O love of the Holy Ghost, be thou the beginning of all the operations of my soul, that they may always correspond to the good pleasure of God.

(Two hundred days' indulgence once a day, applicable to the souls in purgatory; Leo XIII., March 15, 1890.)

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the precious blood of Jesus Christ in satisfaction for my sins and the wants of holy Church.

(One hundred days' indulgence; Pius VII., Sept. 22, 1817.)

May the most just, most high, and most amiable will of God be in all things done, praised and magnified forever.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Pius VII., May 19, 1818.)

My Jesus, mercy!

(One hundred days' indulgence; Pius IX., Sept. 24, 1846.)

Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things!
(Fifty days' indulgence; Pius IX., May 7, 1854.)

My sweetest Jesus, be not my Judge, but my Saviour.

(Fifty days' indulgence; Pius IX., Aug. 11, 1851.)

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Leo XIII., Feb. 27, 1886.)

Saviour of the world, have mercy on us.

(Fifty days' indulgence once a day, applicable to the souls in purgatory, Leo XIII., Feb. 21, 1891.)

Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, make my heart like unto Thine.

(Three hundred days' indulgence once a day; Pius IX., Jan. 25, 1868.)

O sweetest Heart of Jesus! I implore

That I may ever love Thee more and more.

(Three hundred days' indulgence; Pius IX., Nov. 26, 1876.)

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Pius IX., Sept. 23, 1860.)

Sweet Heart of Jesus, be my love.

(Three hundred days' indulgence once a day; Leo XIII., March 13, 1890.)

Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us,
Inflame our hearts with love of Thee.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Leo XIII., July 16, 1893.)

Hail, saving Lamb of sacrifice, slain on the wood of the holy cross for me and the whole human race! Hail, precious blood, streaming from the wounds of Jesus Christ, our crucified Lord, and washing away the sins of the whole world! Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servant whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood.

(Sixty days' indulgence once daily at the consecration during Mass, applicable to the holy souls; June 30, 1893.)

O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Pius VI., May 24, 1776.)

Vouchsafe, O Lord, for Thy name's sake, to

reward with eternal life all those that do us good.

(Fifty days' indulgence twice a day, applicable to the poor souls in purgatory; Leo XIII., Dec. 17, 1892.)

Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation.

(Three hundred days' indulgence; Pius IX., Sept. 30, 1852.)

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed Virgin Mary.

(One hundred days' indulgence; Leo XIII., Sept. 10, 1878.)

O Mary, who didst come into this world free from stain, obtain of God for me that I may leave it without sin.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Pius IX., March 27, 1863.)

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Leo XIII., March 15, 1884.)

O Mary, Mother of God and Mother of mercy, pray for us and for the departed.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Leo XIII., Dec. 15, 1883.)

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul. Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me in my last agony. Jesus, Mary, Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

(One hundred days' indulgence for each of these three ejaculations; Pius VII., Aug. 26 1814.)

May all our life, St. Joseph, spotless be,
Beneath thy care, from every peril free.

(Three hundred days' indulgence once a day; Leo XIII.,
March 18, 1882.)

Angel of God, who art my guardian, enlighten, guard, direct, and govern me, who have been committed to thee by the divine clemency.

(One hundred days' indulgence each time; Pius VI., Oct. 2, 1795.)

Blessed Michael, archangel, defend us in the combat that we perish not in the dreadful judgment.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Aug. 19, 1893.)

Prayer for an Invalid Who is in a State of Unconsciousness.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, heavenly Father, sovereign Master of life and death, mercifully look down on this sick man who is in such great need. Is he not Thy child and has he not honored and loved Thee? and if at times he has offended Thee by sin, has he not made expiation by his contrition and penance?

Unable to console and exhort him, because Thou hast deprived him of speech and hearing, we humbly beseech Thee to give him so much

more interior consolation and strength against every temptation of Satan. Bountiful Father, look mercifully down upon this sick man; do not abandon him who in this hour of utter helplessness is in such need of Thy assistance.

Forgive him all the sins by which he has ever offended Thee, that they may not trouble him at his departure from this world and prevent him from seeing Thy divine face. Do not let him fall into any grievous temptation, but uphold him by Thy powerful grace that neither the pain of illness, nor the fear of death, a want of confidence on account of past sins, nor the wiles of Satan may induce him to fall away from Thee.

Make haste to deliver him from this most distressing state, and let his soul be commended into Thy hands. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Blessing over a Sick Man.

(ALSO WITH THE REQUISITE ALTERATIONS TO BE SAID BY HIMSELF.)

MAY the Lord bless and guard thee [me].
May the Lord turn His face to thee and be

gracious to thee. May the Lord give thee His peace. I bless thee [myself] in the name of the Lord. May the Lord, Who has made heaven and earth, bless thee from Sion. May God have mercy on thee and let the light of His countenance shine upon thee and be gracious to thee. May the angel of the Lord assist thee. May the Lord relieve thee on thy [my] bed of suffering. May the Lord be merciful unto thee, and not take into account thy sins, and heal thee from all thy weaknesses. May the Lord avert everlasting death from thee, and crown thee with mercy and abundance of grace. The Lord guard and preserve thy soul now and forever. Amen. The Lord Jesus Christ be with thee to defend thee, within thee to refresh thee, round about thee to guard thee, before thee to guide thee, behind thee to protect thee, above thee that He may in every way shelter and bless thee. May the Holy Ghost descend and dwell with thee. May the Blessed Trinity fill thy heart with every good forever and ever. Amen.

II. IN ILLNESS OF LONG DURATION.

Offering of the Illness.

O my beloved Jesus, I most willingly accept and offer to Thee this illness, which Thy divine Heart has sent me as a token of Thy love. I do so with a love similar to Thine and through thankfulness to Thee. Into Thy most sweet Heart I lay all my sufferings and pains, imploring Thee to unite them with Thy sacred Passion and to perfect them through its infinite virtue. Being unable to praise Thee as I ought, owing to my afflicted state, I beseech Thee to praise God the Father for my suffering with the same praise as Thou didst extol Him in Thy bitterest pains while hanging on the cross. I pray Thee offer to Thy Father my interior and exterior distress in union with Thy sacred Passion and with the same love with which Thou didst offer to Him all the torments and ignominies Thou hast endured. Amen.

Manner of Following Mass at Home.

(FOR THOSE WHO, ON ACCOUNT OF SICKNESS OR OLD AGE, CANNOT ASSIST AT HOLY MASS.)

(According to Father von Cochem.)

FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE MASS TO THE OFFERTORY.

IN the name of the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I wish to draw near Thy altars, O Jesus, and participate in all the holy Masses which are said this day and especially at this hour. It is by Thy will, O my Lord and God, that I should pay Thee homage, not at church, but in this my sick-room. So then I will consider in my heart. "Blessed is the man whom God correcteth; refuse not therefore the chastising of the Lord. For He woundeth and cureth. He striketh, and His hands shall heal" (Job v. 17, 18). "Behold the eyes of the Lord are on them that fear Him: and on them that hope in His mercy. To deliver their souls from death: and feed them in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: for He is our helper and protector" (Ps. xxxiii. 18-20).

PRAYER TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE IN THE HOUR
OF DEATH.

(*St. Mechtilde.**)

O MY sovereign, holy Mary, Mother of God, as God the Father in the greatness of His omnipotence hath exalted thee and given thee power above all creatures, be with me, I beseech thee, in the hour of my death, and drive far from me all the snares and craft of my enemies. Amen.

Hail Mary, etc.

O MY sovereign, holy Mary, Mother of God, as God the Son in the excellence of His unsearchable wisdom hath endowed thee with such great knowledge, and filled thee with such great light that thou knowest the Most Holy Trinity more truly and intimately than all the saints, do thou so enlighten my soul in the hour of my death with the knowledge of the faith, that no error or ignorance may lead it astray. Amen.

Hail Mary, etc.

* We read in the book on spiritual graces, written by St. Mechtilde (ili., 33): "A person who thus recommends her faith to God, will at the end of her life obtain the grace to remain free from every temptation against the true faith."

O MY sovereign, holy Mary, Mother of God, as the Holy Spirit hath poured into thee the sweetness of His love with such abundance, that thou art after God the sweetest and most benign of beings, do thou pour into my soul at the hour of my death the sweetness of divine love, that all its bitterness may be rendered sweet to me. Amen.

Hail Mary, etc.

AT THE OFFERTORY.

O MOST HOLY TRINITY! in union with the love with which Jesus Christ offered Himself on the cross, I offer to Thee this holy Mass, together with all the Masses which are said this day throughout the whole world. With it I offer Thee my suffering body, my afflicted soul, my cares and solitudes, my business, which on account of my illness I am unable to attend to, my thoughts, words and deeds, all of which I deposit on Thy holy altar, and unite with this holy sacrifice, so that all the blessings and prayers of the priest may also descend on my offering. Possessing no better gift than my

heart, I take it in both my hands and offer it to Thee on Thy holy altar. All my crosses, and especially the bitterness of my malady, do I place into the chalice of Thy precious blood, and offer it to Thee in union with the bitter chalice which Christ willed to drink for our salvation on Mount Olivet, beseeching Thee graciously to accept and bless with Thy fatherly hand this, my offering. Amen.

AT THE SANCTUS.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who, when hanging on the cross, didst utter seven words for our consolation, I humbly render Thee thanks for them, entreating Thee through the love and sorrow with which Thou didst pronounce these words, to let my soul, whether I be living or dying, reap the happy effects thereof. I beseech Thee through the love with which Thou didst plead for Thine enemies, forgive me everything whereby I have ever offended Thee. I beseech Thee through the love with which Thou didst promise paradise to the good thief, deign graciously after this life to receive me into para-

dise. I beseech Thee through the love with which Thou didst commend Thy holy Mother to St. John, commend me also to this loving Mother. I beseech Thee through the sadness with which Thou didst complain to Thy Father, do not abandon me in my last hour. I beseech Thee through the burning thirst which Thou didst will to suffer on the cross to extinguish in my heart all sinful desires. I beseech Thee through the consummation of the redemption of mankind not to let it be lost on me. Finally I beseech Thee through the concluding prayer with which Thou didst commend Thy spirit into the hands of Thy Father, to let my soul in its last hour be most earnestly commended to Thee.

BEFORE THE CONSECRATION.

O MOST CLEMENT JESUS, how great is Thy love for us, because for our salvation Thou didst will to come down from heaven to be made man and do and suffer so much in our behalf! Alas, how pitilessly, O most beloved Jesus, hast Thou been buffeted and outraged, how cruelly scourged, crowned and crucified! What is all my suffer-

ing when compared with Thine! And all this Thou didst suffer while innocent, with exceeding love, only through pity for us, and didst offer it to Thy Father for our sins. Nevertheless Thy love is not yet satisfied, but in order to give us greater proofs of it, Thou dost come down again from heaven at each holy Mass, and dost renew, as it were, Thy bitter Passion. Descend then, my dear Saviour, descend from Thy heavenly throne on our altars for me, and through Thy personal, bodily presence there in the church, bring salvation to my poor soul and my afflicted body. Come with Thy liberality also to my sick-bed and enrich my poor heart with graces! Come with Thy love and enkindle our lukewarm hearts! Amen.

AT THE CONSECRATION.

I ADORE Thee, O Jesus, my Lord and my God, and I render Thee thanks for Thy bloody sacrifice on the cross! Have mercy on me, my God and my Redeemer! O Jesus, be gracious unto me! O Jesus, be merciful unto me! O Jesus, pardon me my sins! O precious blood of

my Saviour, which was shed on the cross for my sins also, cleanse my soul from every stain of guilt and strengthen it for the life to come. Amen. O Jesus, for Thee I live! O Jesus, for Thee I die! O Jesus, living or dead, I am Thine!

I love Thee, O my God, with all my heart,
And 'tis to me the greatest smart,
That I offended Thee, O highest Good!
Ah, wash me clean in Jesus' blood!

AFTER THE CONSECRATION.

MOST BENEVOLENT JESUS, I turn my eyes and my heart to Thee in the church, where Thou art now lying on the altar! Ah, do Thou also turn Thy eyes and Thy Heart to me in my house and to my sick-bed. Behold my suffering, my illness, my exhaustion, my abandonment and my utter need! Take my interests in hand and be my faithful mediator and intercessor with the divine justice. In all the holy Masses which are now being said here and throughout the world, offer Thyself for me and obtain for me mercy and help in my present

necessity. Show to Thy Father Thy thorn-crowned head, Thy lacerated body, Thy five holy wounds and Thy crimson blood, in testimony of the bitter pains Thou didst suffer for me, that He may also be to me a Father, and, delivering me from tribulation, restore to me health of body and soul. Ah, above all, implore Him that I may not be lost forever! Sprinkle me with Thy precious blood, let me have a share in Thy merits and I will honor, love and glorify Thee forever and ever. Amen.

AT COMMUNION.

O MOST SWEET JESUS, how willingly would I receive Thee in Thy temple, for I am sick in body and soul and exceedingly miserable and helpless. From the bottom of my heart must I exclaim with the centurion in the Gospel: "O Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, but say only the word, and my soul shall be healed." But nevertheless, come to me, dear Lord, come spiritually to me! My heart longs for Thee, and the desires of my soul sigh for Thee! O kind, O beloved, O most

sweet Jesus! Let me receive Thee in my heart and enjoy Thee! Feed me with Thy flesh! Heal me with Thy sacred wounds, strengthen me with Thy precious blood! O divine beverage, O heavenly medicine, heal my sick heart! O sweet blood, refresh me! O sacred blood, inflame me, that I may at all times burn with love for my most dear Jesus! May the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life eternal. Amen.

AT THE BENEDICTION.

MAY the Most Holy Trinity bless me abundantly, so that I may preserve the effects of that blessing throughout my life. May Thy omnipotence, O Lord, bless me, Thy wisdom instruct me, Thy sweetness and consolation replenish me in all my pains, sorrows and tribulations. May God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost bless me for life everlasting. Amen.

AT THE END OF MASS.

O MY DEAR SAVIOUR, I now place myself under Thy holy cross and will there abide as long

as Thou wilt. "For to me, to live is Christ: and to die is gain" (Phil. i. 21). O sweetest Jesus, let Thy riven side pour strength and grace upon me, that nothing, "nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, Our Lord" (Rom. viii. 39). From my innermost heart I say: "Father, not my will, but Thine be done." If Thou wilt that I should continue to suffer—Thy will be done! That I should not recover from this malady—Thy will be done! That I should live longer—Thy will be done! That I should soon die—Thy will be done! Yes, Thy holy will be done in life and in death and forever and ever. Amen.

The Our Father Paraphrased for the Sick.

(From Vennewald's Book for the Sick.)

Our Father, Who art in heaven.—O God, my Father and Father of all men! How sweet and consoling it is for me to be allowed to call Thee Father, now that pain and sickness encompass me! This illness indeed is a chastisement, but Thou lovest me and intendest to promote my eternal salvation thereby, because Thou art my

Father. Thou art in heaven, but art also on earth and with me. Thou seest and knowest all my sufferings; Thou dost not allow me to suffer without necessity nor to call for help in vain, for Thou art my Father. This must be my consolation and my encouragement.

Hallowed be Thy name.—My Father, Thy name will I extol for all the graces Thou hast bestowed upon me; I will glorify it by my constancy in suffering, and by patiently offering my illness for Thy greater honor. Let Thy name be praised and extolled when I suffer; let Thy name be praised and extolled when I die and enter into eternity. The name of the Lord be praised now and forever.

Thy kingdom come.—Let Thy kingdom, the kingdom of Thy grace, come. Reign, O my God, in my heart through Thy love, and, the battle being ended, receive me into the kingdom of Thy glory, where Thou hast prepared unspeakable bliss for those who love Thee. Lord, give me strength, that I may persevere unto the end and then come to Thee.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
—It is Thy will, O my Father, that I am now

ill and suffer; let it be done in me, for Thy will is at all times holy, just, wise and good, although we may not understand it. Thy will be done in me. I submit to it with perfect obedience, willingly accepting from Thy hand the bitter chalice of suffering. Father, whether I live, or suffer or die, let Thy will be done in me!

Give us this day our daily bread.—Until now, Thou hast given me, besides the daily sustenance, innumerable graces and benefits, for which I return Thee thanks and beg Thee to forgive me every misuse of Thy gifts. Give me also, O my God, for the rest of my life what is needful to me. But above all, give the necessary nourishment to my immortal soul: the teaching of Thy Word, the consolation of Thy holy religion, the food of the most holy body and blood of Jesus Christ, and the grace for obtaining life eternal.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.—Alas, O my God, great and oppressive is the weight of my sins! Through the merits of Jesus Christ, through the blood He has shed for me, I beseech Thee, blot them out, and forgive me. With

David the Prophet do I implore Thee: "Remember Thou not the sins of my youth; from my hidden iniquities purify me, and from the sins of others preserve me." Forgive also, O Lord, my daily shortcomings, my want of patience, my despondency in this my illness and all my other faults. From the bottom of my heart do I pardon all those who have ever offended me; I pardon them as I wish that Thou shouldst pardon me.

And lead us not into temptation.—Lord, do not permit temptation to be too great for me. If Thou wilt try me still longer and chastise me by sickness and pain, preserve me also from murmuring and impatience, from pusillanimity and despair; give me the grace to come off victorious in the trial and to persevere. Let me not sink under the heavy burden of my sufferings and pains, but grant that, strengthened by Thee, I may bear them with patience and resignation. Above all, O my God, do not permit me to be overcome in my death-agony, in the last decisive conflict.

But deliver us from evil. Amen.—O God, if it is Thy holy will and beneficial to me,

deliver me from the pains of illness, that evil which has oppressed me so long. Yet, the greatest, the only true evil is sin and an ungodly death. Merciful God, preserve me from it. Both in life and in death maintain me in Thy grace and love. Amen.

The Hail Mary Paraphrased for the Sick.

Hail Mary.—O Mary, Star of the sea, all the needy and oppressed look up to thee! And so do I from my bed of sickness, lifting up my imploring eyes to thee and asking thee for help. O Mary, my Mistress and my Queen, let thy power and goodness be made manifest in me. O Mary, with all the faithful, all the holy angels and all the heavenly host I salute thee, saying: Hail, Mary!

Full of grace.—God has raised thee to the greatest dignity, and wills that through thy hands abundant graces should flow down upon mankind. O Mary, Virgin full of grace, thou who art the comforter of the afflicted, the help of Christians, the health of the sick, obtain for me, poor creature, health of body and soul.

The Lord is with thee.—The Lord has done

great things in thee! The eternal Father has chosen thee to be His Daughter; the only-begotten Son to be His Mother, and the Holy Ghost to be His Spouse. Thou art therefore all-powerful with God, O Blessed Virgin; implore Him that His grace may never depart from me.

Blessed art thou among women.—Thou art most blessed among thy sex. Thou art free from the curse of original sin and as a virgin hast given birth to Jesus, the Saviour of the world. O Mary, the one chosen Mother of the Redeemer, all the nations of the earth call thee blessed. Never shall thy praise die on my lips; at all times will I extol and glorify thee, in order to make myself worthy of thy help and intercession.

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.—Praised and extolled be thy divine Son, from Whom all salvation and benediction floweth forth. Blessed and extolled be Jesus, through Whom we obtain assistance in life, consolation and strength in suffering, peace and rest in death. O Blessed Virgin, would that I were happy enough, with thee and all the saints, to

praise for all eternity Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb. Help me to attain thereto.

Holy Mary, Mother of God.—Mother of God, Mother of Christ, Mother of mercy and my Mother!

Pray for us sinners.—Look upon me, thy poor helpless child, calling out to thee from this valley of tears. Pray for me *now*, who am weak, sick and miserable; pray for me who in this vale of pilgrimage am surrounded by numerous foes striving to wrest from me the possession of the heavenly inheritance; obtain for me a lively faith, a firm hope, an ardent love, an invincible patience and the grace of final perseverance. But especially pray for me *at the hour of death*; commend me to Jesus, thy Son; present me to Him, that I may die happily and possess Him forever. Amen.

Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus.

LORD, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, splendor of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,
Jesus, king of glory,
Jesus, sun of justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus amiable,
Jesus admirable,
Jesus, the powerful God,
Jesus, father of the world to come,
Jesus, angel of the great council,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, author of life,
Jesus, model of all virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our refuge,
Jesus, father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, good shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, our way and our life,
Jesus, joy of angels,
Jesus, king of the patriarchs,
Jesus, master of the apostles,
Jesus, teacher of the Evangelists,
Jesus, strength of martyrs,
Jesus, light of confessors,
Jesus, purity of virgins,
Jesus, crown of all saints,
Be merciful, *spare us, O Jesus.*
Be merciful, *graciously hear us, O Jesus.*
From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From eternal death,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, deliver us.

From the neglect of Thy inspirations,
Through the mystery of Thy holy incarnation,

Through Thy nativity,
Through Thine infancy,
Through Thy most divine life,
Through Thy labors,
Through Thine agony and Passion,
Through Thy cross and dereliction,
Through Thy languors,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy resurrection,
Through Thine ascension,
Through Thy joys,
Through Thy glory,

Jesus, deliver us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world, *spare us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world, *graciously hear us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of
the world, *have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us Pray.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast said: " Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: " give, we beseech Thee, to us who ask, the grace of Thy most divine love; that with all our hearts, words, and works we may love Thee, and never cease praising Thee. Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name, for Thou never failest to govern those whom Thou dost solidly establish in Thy love. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.
(Three hundred days' indulgence; Leo XIII., Jan. 16, 1886.)

Devotion to the Five Wounds.

ACT OF CONTRITION.

As I kneel before Thee on the cross, most loving Saviour of my soul, my conscience tells me it was I who nailed Thee to that cross with these hands of mine, as often as I have fallen into mortal sin, wearying Thee with my monstrous ingratitude. My God, my chief and most perfect Good, worthy of all my love, seeing Thou hast ever loaded me with blessings! I can-

not now undo my misdeeds as I would most willingly, but I can and will loathe them, grieving greatly for having offended Thee Who art infinite goodness! And now kneeling at Thy feet, I will try at least to compassionate Thee, to give Thee thanks, to ask of Thee pardon and contrition; wherefore with heart and lips I say:

TO THE WOUND OF THE LEFT FOOT.

HOLY wound of the left foot of my Jesus, I adore thee, I compassionate thee for that most bitter pain which thou didst suffer! I thank thee for the love whereby thou wast wearied in overtaking me on the way to ruin, and didst bleed amid the thorns and brambles of my sins! I offer to the eternal Father the pain and love of thy most holy humanity, in atonement for my sins, all which I detest with sincere and bitter contrition.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy Mother, pierce me through;
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Saviour crucified.

TO THE WOUND OF THE RIGHT FOOT.

HOLY wound of the right foot of my Jesus, I adore thee, I compassionate thee for that most bitter pain which thou didst suffer! I thank thee for the love which pierced thee with such torture and shedding of blood in order to punish my wanderings, and the guilty pleasures I have granted to my passions. I offer the eternal Father all the pain and love of thy most holy humanity, and I pray unto thee for grace to weep over my transgressions with burning tears, and to enable me to persevere in the good which I have begun without ever swerving again from my obedience to the commandments of my God.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy Mother, etc.

TO THE WOUND OF THE LEFT HAND.

HOLY wound of the left hand of my Jesus, I adore thee, I compassionate thee for that most bitter pain which thou didst suffer! I thank thee for having, in thy love, spared me the scourges

and eternal damnation which my sins have merited. I offer to the eternal Father the pain and love of thy most holy humanity, and I pray thee to teach me how to turn to good account my span of life, and bring forth in it worthy fruits of penance, and so disarm the angry justice of my God.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy Mother, etc.

TO THE WOUND OF THE RIGHT HAND.

HOLY wound of the right hand of my Jesus, I adore thee, I compassionate thee for that most bitter pain which thou didst suffer! I thank thee for thy graces lavished on me with such love, in spite of all my miserable obstinacy. I offer to the eternal Father all the pain and love of thy most holy humanity, and I pray thee to change my heart and its affections, and make me do all my actions in accordance with the will of God.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy Mother, etc.

TO THE WOUND OF THE SACRED SIDE.

HOLY wound in the side of my Jesus, I adore thee, I compassionate thee for the cruel insult thou didst suffer! I thank Thee, my Jesus, for the love which suffered Thy side and Heart to be pierced, that so the last drops of blood and water might issue forth, making my redemption to abound. I offer to the eternal Father this outrage, and the love of Thy most holy humanity, that my soul may enter once for all into that most loving Heart, eager and ready to receive the greatest sinners, and from it may nevermore depart.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Holy Mother, etc.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Pius VII., Sept. 29, 1807.)

Prayer in Honor of the Five Wounds.

(St. Alphonsus.)

O JESUS, through the pain which Thou didst suffer when Thy left hand was nailed to the cross, give me true repentance for my sins.

O Jesus, through the pain which Thou didst suffer when Thy right hand was nailed to the cross, give me perseverance in grace.

O Jesus, through the pain which Thou didst suffer when Thy left foot was nailed to the cross, preserve me from the torments of hell.

O Jesus, through the pain which Thou didst suffer when Thy right foot was nailed to the cross, give me the grace to love Thee forever in heaven.

O Jesus, through the wound of Thy Sacred Heart, grant me the grace ever to love Thee, both in this life and in the next. Amen.

Act of Confidence.

**TO OBTAIN THE PARDON OF OUR SINS THROUGH
THE MERITS OF JESUS CHRIST.**

(Father von Cochem.)

O MY GOD, when I think of my past life, I am filled with fear and trembling, for I have committed so many and such grievous sins, and have thereby greatly insulted Thine infinite justice. I have incurred a debt which I shall never

be able to pay, even though I were to practise the most severe penances. Nevertheless I do not despair, having recourse to the superabundant satisfaction of my Redeemer. Remember, O most loving Father, the torments which Thy Son endured when hanging on the cross, and what martyrdom He underwent for me! Behold how His royal head is crowned with thorns, and His divine face disfigured with spittle! See His bruised shoulders, His lacerated back and breast, His mangled body, His wounded arms and knees, His pierced hands and feet, His whole frame covered with blood and wounds. Behold, I place this wounded body of my Redeemer between myself and Thee, between Thy justice and my misery, between Thy strict judgment and my grievous sins. I have sinned much, but Thy Son has made an atonement infinitely greater. I owe Thee much, but He has paid far more. Grievously have I offended Thee, but Thy Son has done yet more to satisfy Thee. Therefore I rely on the merits of Thy dear Son and through Him I hope to obtain mercy. Let, then, His bitter agony be my salvation and let not His sufferings be lost for my soul. May His

burning tears wash my soul, and His precious blood blot out all the stains of my sins. May His ignominious death preserve me from everlasting death. Accept, O my Lord, His bitter torments in satisfaction for my heavy sins. If a single drop of His precious blood would suffice to atone for more than all the sins of the world, what will be the worth of all the drops of His precious blood? But now, in order to satisfy for my sins, I offer Thee each and every drop of my Saviour's blood, together with all His merits. Thus I do not doubt Thou wilt receive my offering, and in consideration of it graciously pardon me all my sins and release me from the punishment which yet remains for them. Amen.

The Seven Words of Christ on the Cross.

PRAYER.

DIVINE JESUS, incarnate Son of God, Who didst vouchsafe for our salvation to be born in a stable, to lead a life of poverty, toil, and misery, and to die a painful death on the cross, I beseech Thee, at the hour of my death, say to

Thy heavenly Father: "Father, pardon him," to Thy Mother: "Behold thy son!" and to my soul: "This day shalt thou be with Me in paradise!" "O my God, my God, do not abandon me in that hour." "I thirst;" yea, my soul thirsts for Thee, my God, Who art the source of living water. My life vanishes like a shadow; yet a little while, and all will be consummated. Therefore, O my adorable Saviour, "I commend my spirit into Thy hands;" from this moment, and for all eternity, Lord Jesus, receive my soul. Amen.

(Three hundred days' indulgence each time; Pius IX., June 10, 1856.)

The Way of the Cross.

Begin with an act of contrition.

Before each station say:

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

After each station say an Our Father, Hail Mary, and a Glory be to the Father.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. May the souls of the faithful, etc.

R. Amen.

Passing on from one station to another say:

Holy Mother, pierce me through:

In my heart each wound renew,

Of my Saviour crucified.

STATION I.: JESUS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

MY JESUS, oft have I signed Thy death-warrant by my sins: save me by Thy death from that eternal death I deserve.

STATION II.: JESUS RECEIVES HIS CROSS.

MY JESUS, Who by Thine own will didst take on Thee the cross which I made for Thee by my sins: oh, make me know the weight of them, and sorrow for them ever while I live.

STATION III.: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME
BENEATH THE CROSS.

MY JESUS, the heavy burden of my sins has made Thee fall down beneath the cross. My

Jesus, I loathe them, I detest them, I beseech Thee to pardon them; aided by Thy grace, I will never commit them more.

STATION IV. JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER.

JESUS, most suffering! Mary, Mother most sorrowful! if for the past by sin I have caused you pain and sorrow, yet by divine grace it shall be so no more, but I will love you faithfully until death.

STATION V.: SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS
TO CARRY THE CROSS.

MY JESUS, happy was that man of Cyrene, who aided Thee to bear the cross! Happy shall I be if I, too, aid Thee to bear the cross by suffering with patience and good will the crosses Thou shalt send me during life. My Jesus, give me grace to do so.

STATION VI.: JESUS AND VERONICA.

Jesus, most compassionate, Who didst deign to print Thy sacred countenance upon the cloth

with which Veronica wiped the sweat from off Thy brows; print in my soul deep, I pray Thee, the lasting memory of Thy most bitter pains.

STATION VII.: JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME.

MY JESUS, oft have I sinned, and by sin often made Thee fall beneath the cross. Help me to use such efficacious means of grace, that I may never fall again into sin.

STATION VIII.: JESUS COMFORTS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM.

MY JESUS, Who didst comfort the pious women of Jerusalem who wept to see Thee so tormented: comfort my soul with Thy mercy, for in Thy mercy alone is my sole trust. Oh, may I never frustrate it!

STATION IX.: AGAIN A THIRD TIME JESUS FALLS.

MY JESUS, by all the bitter woe Thou didst endure, when a third time Thou didst fall beneath the heavy cross: oh, never, never let me

fall away, but rather let me die than ever mortally sin again.

**STATION X.: JESUS STRIPPED AND DRENCHED
WITH GALL.**

MY JESUS, Who wast stripped of Thy clothes, and drenched with gall, strip me of love for things of earth, and make me loathe all that savors of the world and sin.

STATION XI.: JESUS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

MY JESUS, by those agonizing pains Thou didst endure when the hard nails pierced Thy tender hands and feet and fixed them to the cross, oh, make me ever crucify my flesh with the spirit of true Christian penance.

STATION XII.: JESUS DIES UPON THE CROSS.

MY JESUS, three hours didst Thou hang in agony upon the cross, and then didst die for me: let me die before I sin again; and if I live, may I live to love Thee and to serve Thee faithfully.

**STATION XIII.: JESUS TAKEN FROM THE CROSS
AND LAID IN MARY'S BOSOM.**

MARY, Mother most sorrowful, the sword of grief went through thy soul when thou didst see thy dear Son Jesus lying lifeless in thy bosom: ask for me hatred of sin, which was the cause of His death, and made thee suffer so much; and then obtain for me grace to live a true Christian life, and save my soul.

STATION XIV.: JESUS LAID IN THE TOMB.

MY JESUS, beside Thee in the tomb I desire that I may ever remain as one dead; and if I live, I wish to live only to Thee; that so one day I may come with Thee to taste of the bliss of heaven, the fruit of Thy Passion and most painful death. Amen.

Let us Pray.

Gon, Who by the precious blood of Thy only-begotten Son, didst sanctify the standard of the

cross; grant, we beseech Thee, that all those who rejoice in the glory of the same holy cross may at all times and places feel the gladness of Thy protection. Through the same Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.

End with one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father, for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

INDULGENCED CROSS.

THOSE who are legitimately hindered from visiting the stations may gain all the indulgences of the Way of the Cross (if they have a cross with prominent figure of Our Lord attached to it, made of brass or any other solid material, and blessed for this purpose), by reciting twenty Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glories, one for each station, five in honor of the five sacred wounds, and one for the intention of the Pope. The sick, who are unable to say these prayers, can gain the same indulgences by reciting an act of contrition, or the versicle "We therefore beseech Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood," and joining at least mentally in the recitation of three Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory be, etc., said by one of those present.

Litany of the Passion.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Jesus, the eternal wisdom,

Jesus, conversing with men,

Jesus, hated by the world,

Jesus, sold for thirty pieces of silver,

Jesus, prostrate on the ground in prayer,

Jesus, strengthened by an angel,

Jesus, in Thine agony bathed in a bloody
sweat,

Jesus, betrayed by Judas with a kiss,

Jesus, bound by the soldiers,

Jesus, forsaken by Thy disciples,

Jesus, brought before Annas and Caiphas,

Jesus, struck by a servant on the face,

Jesus, blindfolded,

Jesus, smitten on the cheek,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, spit upon,
Jesus, thrice denied by Peter,
Jesus, delivered up to Pilate,
Jesus, despised and mocked by Herod,
Jesus, clothed in a white garment,
Jesus, rejected for Barabbas,
Jesus, torn with scourges,
Jesus, bruised for our sins,
Jesus, esteemed as a leper,
Jesus, covered with a purple robe,
Jesus, crowned with thorns,
Jesus, struck with a reed upon the head,
Jesus, demanded for crucifixion by the
Jews,
Jesus, condemned to an ignominious death,
Jesus, given up to the will of Thine
enemies,
Jesus, loaded with the heavy weight of the
cross,
Jesus, led like a sheep to the slaughter,
Jesus, stripped of Thy garments,
Jesus, fastened with nails to the cross,
Jesus, wounded for our iniquities,
Jesus, praying to Thy Father for Thy mur-
derers,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, reputed with the wicked,
Jesus, blasphemed and scoffed at on the
cross,

Jesus, reviled by the malefactor,
Jesus, promising paradise to the penitent
thief,

Jesus, commending St. John to Thy
Mother as her son,

Jesus, declaring Thyself forsaken by Thy
Father,

Jesus, in Thy thirst given gall and vinegar
to drink,

Jesus, testifying that all things written
concerning Thee were accomplished,

Jesus, commending Thy spirit into the
hands of Thy Father,

Jesus, obedient even to the death of the
cross,

Jesus, pierced with a lance,

Jesus, made a propitiation for us,

Jesus, taken down from the cross,

Jesus, laid in the sepulchre,

Jesus, rising gloriously from the dead,

Jesus, ascending into heaven,

Jesus, advocate with the Father,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, sending down on Thy disciples the Holy Ghost the Paraclete, Jesus, exalting Thy Mother above the choirs of angels, Jesus, Who shalt come to judge the living and the dead, Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, <i>spare us, O Lord.</i> Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, <i>graciously hear us, O Lord.</i> Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, <i>have mercy on us.</i>	} <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
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V. O Jesus, Who hast ransomed us by dying
on the cross,

R. Apply to us the merits of Thy Passion
and death.

Let us Pray.

ADORABLE JESUS, Who didst suffer and die
through love of us, grant us the grace to suffer
with Thyself, as Thyself and for Thyself, so
that living, suffering and dying in Thy love we
may forever be happy with Thee. Amen.

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

LORD, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father,

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost

in the womb of the Virgin Mother,

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the

Word of God,

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,

Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God,

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most

High,

Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of

heaven,

Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,

Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,
Heart of Jesus, king and centre of all
 hearts,
Heart of Jesus, in Whom are all the treasures
 of wisdom and knowledge,
Heart of Jesus, in Whom dwells the ful-
 ness of divinity,
Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father was
 well pleased,
Heart of Jesus, of Whose fulness we have
 all received,
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting
 hills,
Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke
 Thee,
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holi-
 ness,
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium,
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offences,
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,	} <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,	
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,	
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconcilia-	
tion,	
Heart of Jesus, victim for sin,	
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust	
in Thee,	
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in	
Thee,	
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,	}
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the	
world, <i>spare us, O Lord.</i>	
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the	
world, <i>graciously hear us, O Lord.</i>	
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the	
world, <i>have mercy on us.</i>	
V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,	
R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.	

Let us Pray.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy dearly beloved Son, and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers Thee in the name of sinners and for those who seek Thy

mercy; be Thou appeased, and grant us pardon in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

By decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, dated April 2, 1899, the Litanies of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are approved for the entire world, and the Holy Father has attached an indulgence of three hundred days to their recitation in public or in private.

Litany of Perfect Contrition.

(By Pope Pius VI. For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Jesus, Who by forbearance and longanimity dost show forth Thy power and goodness,

Jesus, Who waitest for the conversion of

Have mercy on us.

sinners with so much patience and
yearning desire,
Jesus, Who so lovingly invitest sinners to
do penance,
Jesus, Who rejoicest so much at the con-
version of sinners,
For having sinned,
For having sinned so often and so griev-
ously,
For having sinned in thought, word and
deed,
For having sinned so deliberately and
wantonly,
For having sinned by innumerable negli-
gences and omissions,
For having so audaciously transgressed
Thy holy commandments,
For not having feared Thy omnipotence,
For having despised Thy love,
For having abused Thy goodness and
longanimity,
For having renewed the sufferings of Thy
Son, my Saviour,
For having deserved Thy just chastise-
ments in this world and the next,

Have mercy on us.

I repent with all my heart.

Because by my sins I have offended Thee,
O my God,

Because by them I have provoked Thee to
anger,

Because by them I have become dis-
pleasing to Thee,

Because I love Thee above all things,

In union with the loving contrition of all
holy penitents,

In union with that horror which the
Blessed Virgin Mary ever had for the
smallest sin,

In union with that incomprehensible
anguish which Jesus, Thy divine Son,
suffered in His loving Heart on Mount
Olivet on account of my sins and those
of all the world,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the
world, *spare us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the
world, *hear us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the
world, *have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

I repent of all my sins.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Let us Pray.

O God, Who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of Thy people making supplications to Thee, and turn away the scourges of Thine anger, which we deserve for our sins. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Spiritual Communion.

(St. Alphonsus.)

MY JESUS, I believe that Thou art present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire to receive Thee into my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart (*here form an ardent desire to receive Jesus in your heart*). I embrace Thee, as if Thou wert already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee. Never permit me to be separated from Thee.

(Sixty days' indulgence once a day; applicable to the poor souls in purgatory; June 30, 1893.)

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

LORD, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled,

Mother most amiable.

Mother most admirable,

Mother of our Creator,

Pray for us.

Mother of our Saviour,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Vessel of singular devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,

Pray for us.

Queen of patriarchs,

Queen of prophets,

Queen of apostles,

Queen of martyrs,

Queen of confessors,

Queen of virgins,

Queen of all saints,

Queen conceived without original sin,

Queen of the most holy Rosary,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

CONCEDE nos famulos tuos quaesumus Domine Deus, perpetua mentis et corporis sanitate gaudere; et gloriosa beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis intercessionem a præsentis liberari

Let us Pray.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy servants may remain continually in the enjoyment of health both of mind and body; and through the glorious intercession of the

Pray for us.

tristitia et aeterna perfrui laetitia. Per Christum Do- minum nostrum. Amen.	blessed Mary ever Virgin may be delivered from present sadness and enter into the everlasting joy. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.
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(Three hundred days' indulgence each time.)

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

(TO OBTAIN HER MOST POWERFUL PATRONAGE.)

(*St. Alphonsus.*)

Most holy, immaculate Virgin, and my Mother Mary, to thee, who art the Mother of my Lord, the Queen of the world, the advocate, the hope, the refuge of sinners, I have recourse to-day—I, who am the most miserable of all! I worship thee, O great Queen, and I thank thee for all the graces which thou hast hitherto granted me; and especially I thank thee for having delivered me from hell, which I have so often deserved. I love thee, most amiable Lady; and for the love which I bear thee, I promise always to serve thee, and to do all that I can that thou mayest also be loved by others. I place all my hopes in thee, and I confide my salvation

to thy care; accept me for thy servant, and receive me under thy mantle, O Mother of mercy! And since thou art so powerful with God, do thou deliver me from all temptations, or rather obtain for me strength to triumph over them until death. Of thee I ask the true love of Jesus Christ; through thee I hope to die a good death. My Mother, by the love which thou bearest to God, I beseech thee to help me always, but especially at the last moment of my life; leave me not until thou seest me safe in heaven, blessing thee, and singing thy mercies for all eternity. Amen.

Rosary of the Seven Dolors.

THE SEVEN MYSTERIES.

1. **WHEN** the holy old man Simeon foretold to Mary that a sword of sorrow should pierce her soul, signifying thereby the Passion and death of Jesus.

One Our Father and seven Hail Marys.

2. **When** Mary had to fly into Egypt, on account of the persecution of the cruel Herod, who sought to put Jesus to death.

One Our Father and seven Hail Marys.

3. When Mary lost her beloved Son, and sought Him with tears during three days.

One Our Father and seven Hail Marys.

4. When Mary met her beloved Son carrying His cross to Mount Calvary, where He was going to be crucified for our salvation.

One Our Father and seven Hail Marys.

5. When Mary saw her Son Jesus raised up on the cross, and shedding His blood from all parts of His sacred body.

One Our Father and seven Hail Marys.

6. When Mary saw the soldier pierce the side of Jesus with his spear, and when the sacred body of Jesus, being detached from the cross, was laid in the arms of Mary.

One Our Father and seven Hail Marys.

7. When Mary saw the most holy body of her Son Jesus buried in the tomb.

One Our Father and seven Hail Marys.

Then three Hail Marys are usually recited in honor of the tears shed by the Blessed Virgin in her dolors.

Indulgences (applicable to the holy souls) if the beads are blessed by a priest who has this power: 1. Two hundred years for all who recite it after confession; 2. One hundred and fifty years on Mondays, Wednes-

days, Fridays, and holydays of obligation, after confession and communion; 3. One hundred years each time it is recited with the firm resolution of going to confession; 4. Two hundred days for each Our Father and Hail Mary, when recited on Fridays, on any day of Lent and on the feast and octave of the Seven Dolors; one hundred days for each Our Father and Hail Mary at other times, to all who recite it after a contrite confession or at least with a true purpose of going to confession; 5. Plenary indulgence monthly.

Prayer to St. Joseph.

(Father von Cochem.)

IN this my illness and need, I fly to thee, O most faithful foster-father of Christ, St. Joseph, and confidently invoke thy assistance. Thou art appointed by God to be the special patron of the dying, and as such thou art honored by every pious soul. Therefore I also venerate thee as my advocate and recommend to thee my perilous passage out of this world. O dear St. Joseph, under thy care take my poor soul and my last hour. I beseech thee through thy great love for Jesus and Mary, and through all the joys and sorrows thou didst share with them, let my great necessity move thy heart and

fill it with compassion for me, thy poor client. Protect me against the evil one and strengthen me in my grievous temptations. Cheer me in my despondency, strengthen me with consolation, that I may not despair. As Jesus and Mary did faithfully assist thee in thy death, sweetly consoling and encouraging thee, so mayest thou with Jesus and Mary faithfully assist, console and support my anguished soul. Into thy holy hands, into thy loving arms, on which thou didst so frequently bear the dear little Jesus, do I recommend my sinful soul, imploring thee to receive it into thy holy hands and embrace it with thy loving arms. Amen.

Litany of St. Joseph.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

LORD, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

**God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on
us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

St. Joseph,

Blessed above all patriarchs,

Man according to God's own heart,

Faithful and prudent servant,

Partner in the mystery of man's redemption,

Virgin spouse of the Virgin Mother,

Guardian of the virginity of Mary,

Consoler of Mary in her sorrows and trials,

Foster-father of Jesus Our Redeemer,

Intimate friend of the incarnate Son of God,

Saviour of the Saviour of mankind,

Head and ruler of the Holy Family,

Artisan greater than kings,

Model of all holiness,

Most pure in virginity,

Most profound in humility,

Pray for us.

Most fervent in charity,	} <i>Pray for us.</i>
Most perfect in obedience,	
Most exalted in contemplation,	
Most patient in all trials,	
Most zealous for the salvation of souls,	
Powerful protector of the Catholic Church,	
Dispenser of spiritual treasures,	
Loving helper in temporal necessities,	
Special patron for a happy death,	
Prince of the house of God,	
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, <i>spare us, O Lord.</i>	
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, <i>graciously hear us, O Lord.</i>	
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, <i>have mercy on us.</i>	
V. Pray for us, O holy Joseph,	
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.	

Let us Pray.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be assisted by the merits of the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, so that what of our-

selves we cannot obtain may be granted to us through his intercession. Who livest, etc.

Ant. Behold the faithful and prudent servant whom the Lord set over His house.

V. Pray for us, holy Joseph,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, that we may be helped by the merits of Thy most holy Mother's spouse, and that what of ourselves we cannot obtain may be given to us through his intercession. Who livest and reignest, etc.

Prayer to St. Barbara.

O God, Who hast chosen St. Barbara to be the consolation of the living and of the dying, grant, we beseech Thee, through her intercession, that we may always live in Thy holy love, and place all our hopes in the merits of the most bitter Passion of Thy Son, so that we may never be surprised by the death of sin, but that, fortified by the Sacraments of Penance, Holy

Eucharist and Extreme Unction, we may enter without fear upon the journey to eternal glory. This we ask most earnestly through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(One hundred days' indulgence; Leo XIII., March 21, 1879.)

Hymn to St. Barbara.

O BARBARA, saintly virgin,
Beneath thy safe control
I place my sinful body
And my immortal soul.

In life's unceasing dangers
Be thou my constant aid;
In death's decisive struggle,
Protect my soul dismayed.

At that dread hour, beg Jesus,
By all the pains He bore,
That sorrowful confession
May cleanse my soul once more.

And fail not to obtain me
The Bread from heaven sent
To strengthen and sustain me,
The Blessed Sacrament.

May then the Holy Unction
My wearied soul revive,
That Satan's fierce temptations
I far away may drive.

And lastly, I beseech thee,
Depart not from my side,
But into heavenly glory
My soul securely guide.

III. WHEN THE DANGER OF THE PATIENT INCREASES.

The Protestation for Death.

(St. Alphonsus.)

MY GOD, prostrate in Thy presence, I adore Thee; and I intend to make the following protestation, as if I were on the point of passing from this life into eternity.

My Lord, because Thou art the infallible Truth, and hast revealed it to the holy Church, I believe in the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Three Persons, but only one God; Who for all eternity rewards the just in heaven, and punishes the wicked in hell. I believe that the Second Person, that is the Son of God, became man and died for the salvation of mankind; and I believe all that the holy Church believes. I thank Thee

for having made me a Christian, and I protest that I will live and die in this holy faith. My God, my hope, trusting in Thy promises I hope from Thy mercy, not through my own merits, but through the merits of Jesus Christ, for the pardon of my sins, perseverance, and after this miserable life, the glory of paradise. And should the devil at death tempt me to despair at the sight of my sins, I protest that I will always hope in Thee, O Lord, and that I desire to die in the loving arms of Thy goodness. O God, worthy of infinite love, I love Thee with my whole heart, more than I love myself; and I protest that I desire to die making an act of love, that I may thus continue to love Thee eternally in heaven, which for this end I desire and ask of Thee. And if hitherto, O Lord, instead of loving Thee, I have despised Thy infinite goodness, I repent of it with all my heart, and I protest that I wish to die always weeping over, and detesting, the offences I have committed against Thee. I purpose for the future rather to die than ever to sin again; and for the love of Thee, I pardon all who have offended me. O God, I accept of death, and of all the suf-

fering which will accompany it; I unite it with the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, and offer it in acknowledgment of Thy supreme dominion, and in satisfaction for my sins. Do Thou, O Lord, accept of this sacrifice, which I make of my life, for the love of that great sacrifice which Thy divine Son made of Himself upon the altar of the cross. I resign myself entirely to Thy divine will, as though I were now on my death-bed, and protest that I wish to die, saying: "O Lord, always Thy will be done!" Most holy Virgin, my advocate and my Mother, Mary, thou art and wilt always be, after God, my hope and my consolation at the hour of death. From this moment I have recourse to thee, and beg of thee to assist me in that passage. O my dear Queen, do not abandon me in that last moment; come then to take my soul and present it to thy Son. Henceforward I shall expect thee; and I hope to die under thy mantle and clinging to thy feet. My protector St. Joseph, St. Michael archangel, my angel guardian, my holy patrons, do you all assist me in that last combat with hell. And Thou, my crucified Love, Thou my Jesus, Who wert

pleased to choose for Thyself so bitter a death to obtain for me a good death, remember at that hour, that I am one of those dear sheep Thou didst purchase with Thy blood. Thou Who, when all the world shall have forsaken me, and not one shall be able to assist me, canst alone console me and save me. Do Thou make me worthy then to receive Thee in the Viaticum, and suffer me not to lose Thee forever and to be banished forever to a distance from Thee. No, my beloved Saviour, receive me then into Thy sacred wounds, for I now embrace Thee. At my last breath I intend to breathe forth my soul into the loving wound in Thy side, saying now for that moment, "Jesus and Mary, I give you my heart and my soul!"

R. Jesus and Mary, I give you my heart and my soul.

O happy suffering, to suffer for God! Happy death, to die in the Lord! I embrace Thee now, my good Redeemer, that I may die in Thy embraces. If, O my soul, Mary assists thee at thy departure, and Jesus receives thy last breath, it will not be death, but a sweet repose.

Willing Acceptance of Death.

(St. Alphonsus.)

O MY JESUS, I offer Thee my life and am ready to die when it pleases Thee. "Thy will be done."

Lord, if it pleases Thee to leave me still for a time on this earth, may Thy name be praised. Yet I would not wish to live longer, if my life were not wholly to be employed in loving and glorifying Thee. If it be Thy will that I die of this or of some other illness, may Thy holy name be equally praised. I receive death in order to fulfil Thy will; all I ask of Thee is to assist me in my last hour. "Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy."

If it is Thy will that I should leave this earth, I protest that I will die, because so it is Thy will.

I will also die in order that, by the anguish and bitterness of my death, I may offer satisfaction to the divine justice for the many sins by which I have offended it and have thereby deserved hell.

I will also die that I may no longer be able to offend Thee or cause Thee any displeasure.

I will die to show Thee my gratitude for the numerous benefits and favors which, in spite of my unworthiness, I have received at Thy hands.

I will die to show that I love Thy will more than my life.

I wish, if it so pleases Thee, to die now while I hope to be in Thy grace, in order to be sure of praising and extolling Thee forever.

But above all, I will die in order to love Thee with all my strength and forever in heaven, where through Thy precious blood, O my Saviour, I hope to arrive some day, and where I shall be certain to love Thee unceasingly.

My Jesus, through love of me Thou didst will to suffer death on the cross; behold, I also through love of Thee accept death with all the sufferings which await me in my last hour, saying with St. Francis: "Let me die, O Lord, through love of Thee, Who didst die through love of me."

O my Redeemer, my Love, my only Good, I beseech Thee through Thy sacred wounds and

painful death, let me die in Thy grace and love.

O Jesus, my Saviour, I beseech Thee most particularly through the pains Thou didst endure when Thy most holy soul was separated from Thy adorable body, graciously to receive my soul on its leaving my body.

O Mother of God, most blessed Virgin Mary, intercede with Jesus for me at the hour of my death, when in a most special manner I shall be in need of thy assistance.

O Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, shield us from the enemy and receive us in the hour of death. To thy protection we fly, O holy Mother of God! Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners.

O holy Joseph, my loving Father, assist me in that decisive moment.

St. Michael, the archangel, deliver me from the evil spirits who lay snares for my soul.

My holy patron, and all ye saints of heaven, pray to God for me. Amen.

Litany for a Happy Death.

(For Private Devotion Only.)

O LORD JESUS, God of goodness and Father of mercies, I approach Thee with a contrite and humble heart; to Thee I recommend my last hour, and that which then awaits me.

When my feet, now motionless, shall admonish me that my mortal course is drawing to an end;

R. Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When my hands, cold and trembling, shall no longer be able to hold Thy crucified image, and shall let it fall from their feeble grasp upon my bed of pain;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When my eyes, dim and troubled at the horror of approaching death, shall fix on Thee their languid and expiring looks;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When my lips, cold and trembling, shall pronounce for the last time Thy adorable name;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When my cheeks, pale and livid, shall inspire

the beholders with pity and dismay; and my hair, bathed in the sweat of death, and stiffening on my head, shall forebode my approaching end;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When my ears, soon to be forever shut to the discourse of men, shall open to hear Thy voice pronounce the irrevocable decree which shall decide my lot for eternity;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When my imagination, agitated by horrid and terrifying phantoms, shall be sunk in mortal anguish; when my soul, affrighted at the sight of my iniquities and the terrors of Thy judgments, shall have to fight against the angel of darkness, who will endeavor to conceal Thy mercies from my eyes, and plunge me into despair;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When my poor heart, oppressed with the pains of sickness and exhausted by its struggles against the enemies of its salvation, shall be seized with the pangs of death;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When the last tears, forerunners of my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive them

as a sacrifice of expiation for my sins, that I may die the victim of penance; and in that dreadful moment;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When my friends and relatives, encircling my bed, shall be moved with compassion for me, and invoke Thy clemency in my behalf;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When I shall have lost the use of my senses, and the world shall have vanished from my sight; when I shall groan with anguish in my last agony and in the sorrows of death;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When my last sighs shall summon my soul to go forth from my body, receive them as the effects of a holy impatience to fly to Thee; and in that moment;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid adieu to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale, and cold, receive this separation as a homage, which I willingly pay to Thy divine majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

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When at length my soul, admitted to Thy presence, shall first behold the splendor of Thy majesty, reject me not, but receive me into Thy bosom, where I may forever sing Thy praises, and in that moment when eternity shall begin for me;

R. Merciful Jesus, etc.

Let us Pray.

O God, Who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death; grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may deserve to quit this world in the peace of a good conscience, and in the embrace of Thy holy love; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Leo XII., Aug. 11, 1824.)

Short Efficacious Acts of Contrition.

(Father von Cochem.)

O MY SOVEREIGN LORD and my God, I have done evil in Thy sight and grievously offended Thy infinite majesty.

I have sinned grievously against Thee, O my God, and have greatly outraged Thee.

I have treated Thee like a felon, and proved so disloyal to Thee that the mere thought of it is horrible to me.

I know and believe that Thou art a God of infinite majesty and that I ought to serve Thee to the best of my power.

Nevertheless during all my life not so much as one single hour have I served Thee as I ought, nor ever rendered Thee the honor and fidelity that were due to Thee.

On the contrary, I have shown Thee all possible disloyalty and faithlessness. I have offended and irritated Thee many thousand times.

Who has stayed Thy hand that Thou didst not punish me? and what has induced Thee to preserve my life so long?

Ah, it is the effect of Thy infinite love and goodness, that has prevailed upon Thee to spare me.

For Thou art a God so truly good and merciful, that Thou sparest and givest grace even to Thy enemies.

Yes, Thou art a sweet, mild and loving God,
Who loveth even those that hate Thee, and
doeth good to those that do Thee all sorts of in-
jury.

Should I not now be sorry for having so
grievously offended so good a God?

Should I not be sorry to have shown myself
so faithless to so true a friend?

Should I not grieve with all my heart for
having hated Him Who has loved me so much?

Should I not grieve from the bottom of my
heart for having done all sorts of evil to Him
Who has done nothing but good to me?

Alas, alas, what have I done! Ah, my God,
what have I done!

O God, how do I grieve for having offended
Thee so often! What affliction for me to have
so grievously offended Thee!

O what would I give not to have done so! O
what would I suffer not to have done so!

But being unable to revoke my sins, I repent
and shall repent of them from the bottom of my
heart to the last breath of my life—not only be-
cause I have drawn upon myself many heavy
punishments, forfeited heaven and deserved

hell, but chiefly because I have done so much injury to my God, because I have crucified Thee, O my Jesus, and become the cause of Thy death.

I mourn and shall mourn for it unto my dying day.

Therefore I accuse myself before Thee with all my heart, and confess that I have done great evil and wrong.

I confess that I am truly worthy of hell and deserve to be damned forever.

But I humbly ask mercy and pardon for my grievous sins.

Pardon me, O my God, ah, pardon me!
Pardon me, O my Jesus, ah, pardon me!

For the sake of Thy infinite goodness, pardon me! For the sake of Thy boundless mercy, pardon me!

For the sake of Thy bitter Passion and ignominious death, pardon me! For the sake of Thy burning tears and Thy precious blood, pardon me!

I purpose nevermore in my life to commit sin, nevermore to offend Thee!

I will give up everything rather than ever

sin again; I will suffer death rather than offend Thee any more.

I am fully determined to accomplish this, as fully as I am determined to save my soul.

Therefore, O God, let my contrite heart be pleasing to Thee, and for the sake of Thy infinite goodness restore me to Thy grace. Amen.

Incitement to Confidence.

(Bl. Clement M. Hofbauer.)

MY SOUL, why dost thou fear to depart from this miserable life and to leave the prison-house of thy body? Jesus has died for thee, and has satisfied for thy sins. He has taken upon Himself the burden of thy guilt, and has presented Himself before His eternal Father as thy security. He has promised thee paradise, if thou lovest Him, and by His precious merits He has not only prepared the way for thee, but has left thee His most sacred body and blood as a pledge of His love. Think of the innumerable benefits He has conferred on thee, and of all the dangers

from which He has saved thee! He would not have died for thee if He had willed thy destruction; He would not have watched over thee for so long in this life, nor awaited thee with so much patience. He would not have enlightened thee with such a clear light of faith, called thee with such an ardent love, drawn thee to Himself with such mighty force, nor prevented thee with so many graces. He would not have given thee time to do penance, He would not have visited thee in thy sickness nor sanctified thee by means of the holy sacraments, the signs of the elect. If thou sighest to God, He will help thee. Be converted with thy whole heart to thy God, and all thy sins will be forgiven. It is in thy power to gain heaven. It is still time; repentant sighs of penance pierce the clouds, true sincere penance will open heaven.

Desire of Union with God.

(Bl. Clement M. Hofbauer.)

O MOST BENIGN JESUS, compassionate Physician of the sick, Father of the poor, Comforter

of the afflicted, Redeemer of captives, sole hope of sinners! Behold, I, a miserable man, appear before Thee; Thou knowest my heart which burns with an eager desire of seeing Thee, and languishes with longing after Thee. O most kind and tender Saviour, come quickly to release my soul from prison, lead her from the misery of this life to the beloved fatherland. Thou art my sole refuge, my salvation, and my life. I praise Thee, I thank Thee for the bitter sufferings Thou hast willed to endure for my salvation. O how my soul longs after Thee, how it hungers and thirsts with an inward desire of Thee, because in Thee alone it finds true consolation! Come then, O supreme sweetness, and console me! Show me Thy amiable countenance and I shall be healed; let me enjoy Thy presence and my desire will be fulfilled. O how beautiful must Thy dwellings be, and how magnificent Thy palaces! how happy I shall be in heaven when I can rejoice in Thy presence!

Desire of Heaven.

(Bl. Clement M. Hofbauer.)

I **MUST** die: O welcome necessity! I depart from the prison-house of this life in order to go to heaven, to the full liberty of the children of God. I leave the earth to ascend from this misery to my beloved fatherland. I exchange the temporal for the eternal, the vain and mortal for the everlasting and immortal, the manifold sorrow of this life for everlasting bliss. There I shall look upon my God, contemplate Him and love Him; I shall enjoy His presence, rest in the possession of Him, and lose myself entirely in Him. He will enlighten my understanding with clear light, satisfy my will with the abundance of peace, and my memory with the plenitude of His joy. In heaven I find all I desire; I have nothing more to fear and no more evil to expect. No good things will be wanting to me in heaven, for God is my All, and in Him I find all good. This life will not last long; I must soon die. O joyful and long wished for time!

I go to rest, I come into the land of the living, into the kingdom of peace, to the heavenly banquet, to the marriage-feast of the Lamb! There I shall see what no eye has seen; hear what no ear has heard, and possess what has never entered into the heart of man to conceive. I go to a country where I shall have no weakness to endure, no affliction to suffer, and no danger of damnation to fear, because I shall look upon God, love Him, praise Him, and extol Him for all eternity.

Desire of Heaven.

(St. Alphonsus.)

THOSE souls who had but a faint desire of heaven will have a special pain to endure in purgatory; that is the so-called pain of desire or yearning. This life is a prison, a place of punishment, where we cannot see God. Therefore David prayed: "Conduct my soul out of prison." And St. Augustine exclaims: "Let me die, O Lord, that I may see Thee." Say therefore:

I desire heaven, in order to love Thee, O my God, forever and with all my strength.

When shall I be able to say: My God, now I can no longer lose Thee?

When, O my God, shall I behold Thy infinite beauty and love Thee face to face?

In heaven I shall always love Thee and Thou wilt always love me; we shall then forever love each other, O my God, my Love and my All!

My Jesus, when shall I kiss the wounds Thou hast received for me?

O Mary, my Mother, thou who hast lavished so much love and help upon me, when shall I come to see thee and prostrate myself at thy feet?

Turn then, my gracious advocate, thy merciful eyes towards me, and after this exile show unto me Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb!

Short Aspirations.

(Father von Cochem.)

JESUS, MARY! Jesus, be gracious unto me!
Jesus, be merciful unto me! Jesus, pardon me
my sins!

O most bountiful Jesus, have mercy upon me for the sake of Thy bitter suffering; and through Thy bitter death grant me a happy end.

Jesus, for Thee I live! Jesus, for Thee I die! Jesus, Thine I am, living or dead!

Jesus, in Thee I believe! Jesus, in Thee I hope! Jesus, Thee do I love from the bottom of my heart!

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit; into Thy faithful Heart I consign my feeble heart; to Thy bitter death I unite my own death!

O Jesus, do not abandon me! O Jesus, do not reject me! O Jesus, do not condemn me, because Thou didst redeem me at the cost of such great pain!

O heavenly Father, Thou hast created me for Thy greater glory! O Christ Jesus, Thou hast redeemed me through Thy bitter suffering! O Holy Ghost, Thou hast sanctified me by Thy grace! Ah, do not permit my soul to fall a prey to the evil one.

I hope in Thy goodness, O benevolent Father! I hope in Thy suffering, O Christ Jesus! I hope in Thy mercy, O Holy Spirit!

I believe whatsoever the Catholic Church believeth, and in this faith will I live and die.

I firmly hope through Thy grace and my own co-operation to obtain everlasting bliss, and in this hope will I live and die.

I love Thee, O my God, from the bottom of my heart, and in this love will I live and die!

I repent of my sins from the bottom of my heart, and in this repentance will I live and die.

I hide myself in the wounds of Jesus Christ, and in these wounds will I live and die.

Jesus, through Thy crimson blood, do not forsake me in my last hour! Through Thy bitter death, I beseech Thee to grant me a happy death! O Jesus, into Thy gentle Heart receive all my pains and bitter anguish!

Holy Mary, assist me! O Mary, do not forsake me! O Mary, pray for me.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me, a poor sinner, now and at the hour of my death.

O my most beloved advocate, turn thy merciful eyes towards me, and after this exile show unto me Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb!

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Through the bitter Passion of thy Son assist
me in my suffering, and through His most bitter
death obtain for me a blessed end.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; into
thy maternal heart, my parting soul!

IV. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENTS.

Prayers of a Sick Person on Receiving the Holy Sacrament of Penance.

PREPARATORY PRAYER.

O God, the Father of light! Thou Who enlightenest all men that come into this world, send into my poor soul a bright and burning ray of holy charity, that I may know, abhor, and confess the sins which I have committed against Thee. I desire to see my sins in all their enormity, and just as they are in Thy sight: I wish to detest them for the love of Thee, and to confess them with the same sincerity as I should wish to do at the moment of my death. Jesus, my God and Saviour, I offer to Thee the examination which I am going to make, and I look to Thee with confidence for the grace to do it well.

And do thou, O Mother of God, assist me,

thou who art so full of compassion for sinners that sincerely desire to repent of their sins. Help me, my holy guardian angel! help me to know all the offences which I have committed against my God. Oh! all ye saints of heaven, pray for me, that I may bring forth worthy fruits of penance. Amen.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

First Commandment.—Have you doubted any article of faith or denied your religion? have you exposed your faith to danger by going to Protestant churches, or reading Protestant books? have you gone on in your sins, trusting to confess them on your death-bed? have you neglected your prayers, said them carelessly, or behaved disrespectfully before the Blessed Sacrament? have you made a bad confession or communion? have you given faith to dreams, or consulted fortune-tellers?

Second Commandment.—Have you taken a false oath? a rash oath? or an oath to do something wicked or unlawful? have you broken your lawful oaths? how often? Have you sworn

rashly or inconsiderately by the name of God, by your soul or by way of imprecation upon yourself? have you cursed yourself or others? and if so, was it from your heart? how often? have you spoken disrespectfully of God, of His saints, or of sacred things?

Third Commandment.—Have you missed Mass through your own fault on Sundays or holydays, or gone late, or kept others from going, or behaved badly during Mass? have you done any servile work without necessity on those days? have you eaten meat on Friday or fasting days?

Fourth Commandment (for Children).—Have you been disobedient, sulky or stubborn? have you behaved disrespectfully to your parents? Called them names, or cursed or struck them? Have you kept your wages from them or neglected to help them?

For Parents.—Have you neglected to have your children baptized soon after their birth? to teach them their prayers, etc., or to send them to school? Catechism? Mass? Have you sent them to Protestant schools? have you given them bad example by cursing or quarrelling in

their presence? have you neglected to keep them out of bad company? have you let them stay out late at night or exposed them in any other way to the danger of sinning? have you left your family in want, wasting your wages in drink, etc.? have you fulfilled your duty to each other as husband and wife?

Fifth Commandment.—Have you been guilty of anger, quarrelling, or fighting? have you borne malice to any one, or desired to revenge yourself? have you been intoxicated yourself, or made others so?

Sixth and Ninth Commandments.—Have you given way to immodest thoughts, looks, or actions with yourself or others? have you read or lent bad books? have you been guilty of bad talking? have you sung bad or immodest songs, and in presence of how many? have you exposed yourself to danger of sin? have you kept bad company or kept company at improper times and in dangerous places?

Seventh and Tenth Commandments.—Have you stolen from your parents or others, used false weights or measures, passed false money, or cheated in any way in buying or selling?

have you encouraged others to steal, or shared in stolen goods, or pawned or sold them? have you wasted your master's time or goods, or let others rob him? have you delayed to make restitution, or neglected to pay your debts?

Eighth Commandment.—Have you told lies of your neighbor, or made known his secret faults, and to how many, and what is the amount of the injury you have done? have you carried stories backwards and forwards, or in any way made mischief among your neighbors or at home? have you told lies in self-excuse, or given way to rash judgments or jealous suspicions?

ACT OF CONTRITION.

(*St. Alphonsus.*)

O God of infinite majesty, behold at Thy feet the traitor who has again offended Thee, but who now in all humility asks Thy pardon. O Lord, reject me not. Thou canst not despise a humbled heart. I thank Thee for having waited for me up to the present moment, and for not having allowed me to die when I was in

sin, and be sent to hell, as I had deserved. The patience Thou hast shown towards me, O my God, makes me hope that through the merits of Jesus Christ Thou wilt pardon me in this confession all my offences against Thee. I repent of them and am grieved because I have thereby deserved hell, and lost heaven; but I am especially sorry for them from the bottom of my heart, not so much because I have deserved hell, but because I have displeased Thee, Who art infinite goodness. Yes, I love Thee, O sovereign Good, and because I love Thee I repent of all my offences against Thee. I have turned my back upon Thee; I have been wanting in respect towards Thee; I have despised Thy grace, Thy friendship; in a word, O Lord, I have wilfully lost Thee. Ah! for the love of Jesus Christ forgive me all my sins: I repent of them with my whole heart; I hate, I detest them; I abhor them more than all evils, and I repent not only of my mortal, but also of my venial sins, which likewise displease Thee. I purpose for the future, with the help of Thy grace, nevermore wilfully to offend Thee. Yes, my God, I will rather die than sin again.

AFTER CONFESSION.

MY DEAR JESUS, how much do I not owe Thee! By the merits of Thy blood I trust that I have this day been pardoned. I thank Thee exceedingly and I hope to praise Thy mercies forever in heaven. My God, if hitherto I have so often lost Thee, I will lose Thee no more for the time to come: I am really resolved to change my life. Thou deservest all my love; I wish to love Thee in good earnest. My will is never again to be separated from Thee. I have already promised Thee, and I promise Thee again at this moment, to consent rather to die than to offend Thee again. I promise to fly the occasion of sin, and to use this means (*here mention it*) for not falling again. But Thou, my Jesus, knowest my weakness; give me the grace to be faithful to Thee until death, and to have recourse to Thee in my temptations.

Most holy Virgin Mary, assist me; thou art the Mother of perseverance: I place all my hope in thee.

Prayers of a Sick Person on Receiving Holy Viaticum.**PREPARATORY PRAYER.**

THROUGH Thy unspeakable goodness, O my dearest Jesus, Thou hast, as I hope, forgiven me my sins in the Sacrament of Penance. But not satisfied with this, Thou wilt now give me Thy adorable body and blood as a pledge of Thy mercy, and as I am not able to appear at the foot of Thy altar, Thou deignest to come to my sick-bed. Ah, how infinitely great is Thy love for me! But before entering my heart, cleanse it yet more, inflame it with Thy love, augment my faith and my hope, and then be for me the celestial nourishment, which will help me to triumph over the enemies of my soul. Divine Jesus, in Thee alone do I put my trust; Thou alone canst be my helper and consoler. Awaken within my heart those feelings which can make it pleasing to Thine; come into my heart, most bountiful Jesus (as my Viaticum); protect and make me strong against the pursuit of the wicked enemy and give my soul everlasting bliss. Amen.

WHEN THE PRIEST ENTERS THE HOUSE WITH
THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.

BEHOLD my Creator, my Redeemer comes to me, His poor unworthy creature! I adore Thee with deepest reverence, O my God! . . . With the greatest impatience do I desire Thee, my loving Master! Come, come, O my God! Come, to strengthen my weakness, to heal my wounds, to alleviate my suffering, to enrich me with the fulness of Thy graces and to inflame me with Thy love! Come, loving Jesus, stay within me, as I wish in life and in death to be united with Thee forever.

On a table covered with a clean white cloth put a crucifix between two lighted candles, a glass of pure drinking-water, and a vessel with holy water.

On entering the sick-room, the priest says:

Pax huic domui.

The clerk answers:

Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.

Soon after the priest and clerk pray alternately:

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

C. Qui fecit coelum et terram.

P. Domine exaudi orationem meam.

C. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

After the priest has said a Latin prayer, the clerk begins the *Confiteor* and says Amen to each of the short prayers which follow.

THANKSGIVING.

I HAVE now the great happiness to possess Thee in my heart, O good Jesus! I adore Thy infinite majesty, and cannot say aught else but: Who art Thou, O Lord, and who am I, whom Thou hast deigned to visit? At this thought I humble myself in Thy presence as much as I am able. . . . How infinitely great is Thy goodness! How admirable Thy love! . . . My God, my Redeemer, my Jesus, has united Himself to me! Now I can say with the prophet: "Although I walk in the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for Thou, O God, art with me." . . . I thank Thee, O God of my soul, and would that I were able to thank Thee as I ought. I pray my angel guardian, my holy patrons, and the most Blessed Virgin to praise, bless and thank Thee in my stead. I wish and pray now for nothing else, but that all the sighs and inward

motions of my heart until my last breath may be acts of sincere repentance and of burning love. From this bed of pain I offer myself wholly to Thee and with the most perfect resignation to Thy divine will. I thank Thee for all Thy benefits, and deeply regret ever having misused them by offending Thee. Henceforth I will love Thee with all my heart and above all things. . . . I am now united with Thee, and will nevermore separate myself from Thee. O Jesus, Jesus, Thou art my sovereign Good, the Beloved of my heart, Thou art my All! . . . Forsake me not. . . . If Thou wilt that I should suffer, suffer much, I am ready with Thy grace to suffer through love of Thee. Ah, most dear, most bountiful Jesus, this I implore, through Thy suffering, Thy precious blood, Thy cross and Thy death, let me forever be the object of Thy mercy, that I may praise Thee in heaven and enjoy the delights of paradise. Amen.

OTHER PRAYERS BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION.

O MY JESUS! I firmly believe all that Thou teachest through Thy holy Church; especially

do I believe that Thou art truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament; I believe all this because it has been taught by Thee, Who art eternal Truth.

O my Jesus! I hope that in Thy infinite goodness and mercy Thou wilt pardon me all my sins, and give me the grace to persevere and save my soul.

O my Jesus! I love Thee with my whole heart and above all things, because Thou art the supreme, most perfect and amiable Good. Out of love for Thee I repent of all my sins; I will rather die than offend Thy infinite majesty again.

O my Jesus! I adore Thee in this Most Holy Sacrament, because Thou art my Lord and God, my Creator and Redeemer.

O my Jesus! I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, yet speak but the word, and my soul shall be healed. (*Three times.*)

O my Jesus! my God and my All! my heart desires to receive Thee; come to me and unite my soul to Thee.

AFTER HOLY COMMUNION.

O MY JESUS! my Lord and God, I adore Thee from the bottom of my heart, and I will adore Thee for all eternity.

O Jesus! Thou art the eternal Truth; I believe in Thee.

O Jesus! Thou art the eternal Goodness; I hope in Thee.

O Jesus! my love! I love Thee above all things.

O my Jesus! whence comes this grace that Thou, my Lord and God, dost visit me, a wretched sinner, and dost nourish me with Thy own flesh and blood?

O my Jesus! may praise and thanks be given to Thee for all eternity, because Thou hast deigned to visit me, a poor sinner.

O my Jesus! I offer Thee my body and my soul, and all that I am and all that I have. Do with me what Thou pleasest, now and for all eternity.

**Prayers of a Sick Person on Receiving Extreme
Unction.****BEFORE EXTREME UNCTION.**

DIVINE SAVIOUR, let me now be strengthened by the holy Sacrament of Extreme Unction, which Thy boundless mercy has so lovingly instituted for Thy faithful sick. I firmly believe that this sacrament will restore to me the health of the body, if it be good for my salvation; I likewise believe that it will relieve me in my illness, strengthen me against temptations, and remit those of my sins for which, without my knowledge, I may still be indebted to Thy justice; for such is the teaching of Thy holy apostle: "Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man: and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him" (Jas. v. 14, 15). I thank Thee, O my God, for having instituted this means of grace also for me, who ardently desire to receive it, that I may be completely cleansed from all

the sins which I have ever committed through my inward and outward senses. Fill my heart evermore with horror and hatred of the least transgression of Thy law, with perfect resignation to Thy holy will, that I may worthily receive **Extreme Unction**, for the salvation of my body and soul. Amen.

My God, grant me, I beseech Thee, the grace to receive **Extreme Unction** and all the operations of grace combined with this holy sacrament, so that the wounds of my soul may be healed. Alas, how often, O my God, have I made use of my senses to offend Thee! Instead of consecrating to Thee all the members of my body, I have misused them, making them instruments of injustice and of sin. Through holy Baptism my body had become Thy temple, and I have often profaned it. I ask Thee, O Lord, for mercy, compassion and forgiveness. I repent and am deeply sorry for all my sins, because I have thereby offended Thee, my supreme Good, Who deservest to be loved infinitely and above all things. I will nevermore offend Thee. . . . Pardon me, console me, and make me happy, O Lord, through the infinite

merits of the precious blood and death of Thy Son, my divine Redeemer.

On a table covered with a clean white cloth, place a crucifix with two lighted candles. At the left side of the table there must be a vessel containing holy water; at the right side, one with drinking-water, and in the centre a plate with seven little balls of cotton wool, some salt or bread crumbs.

On entering the sick-room, the priest says:

Pax huic domui.

And the clerk answers:

Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.

Soon after the priest says alternately with the clerk:

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

C. Qui fecit coelum et terram.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

After the priest has said three prayers in Latin, the clerk recites the *Confiteor* and answers Amen to each of the short prayers which follow and are said by the priest.

The unction being ended, the following prayers are said:

P. Kyrie eleison!

C. Christe eleison!

P. Kyrie eleison. Pater noster, etc.

P. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem,

C. Sed libera nos a malo.

P. Salvum (am) fac servum tuum (ancillam tuam),

C. Deus meus, sperantem in te.

P. Mitte ei, Domine, auxilium de sancto,

C. Et de Sion tuere eum (eam).

P. Esto ei, Domine, turris fortitudinis,

C. A facie inimici.

P. Nihil proficiat inimicus in eo (ea).

C. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere ei.

P. Domine exaudi orationem meam,

C. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

P. Dominus vobiscum,

C. Et cum spiritu tuo. .

AFTER EXTREME UNCTION.

I THANK Thee, O my divine Redeemer, with all my heart, for having strengthened and sanctified my soul by the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. I hope that now all my sins are effaced, and that what may have been deficient in my penance and confession has been made up for through the grace of this holy sacrament. Therefore I will dismiss every kind of uneasiness about it, and confidently give myself up into the hands of Thy mercy; I also hope that Thou wilt

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restore me to health, if it would be profitable for me to live longer; and if not, I rejoice, O my sweet Saviour, to be permitted to enter soon with a pure heart into everlasting rest; for one day with Thee in heaven is better than a thousand years here on earth. Let me nevermore lose the grace of Thy holy sacraments.

When giving the general absolution the priest and clerk say alternately:

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

C. Qui fecit coelum et terram.

P. Kyrie eleison!

C. Christe eleison!

P. Kyrie eleison! Pater noster . . . et ne nos inducas in tentationem,

C. Sed libera nos a malo.

P. Salvum (am) fac servum tuum (ancillam tuam),

C. Deus meus, sperantem in te.

P. Domine exaudi orationem meam,

C. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

P. Dominus vobiscum,

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

The priest having prayed over the sick man, the clerk then says the *Confiteor*.

**Prayer of a Sick Person who has no Opportunity
of Receiving the Last Sacraments.**

ALMIGHTY, eternal and merciful God, Who didst say: "Invoke Me in the hour of need," and didst utter this consoling promise: "As I live, I will not the death of the sinner, but that he be converted and live." Behold, I, a poor, miserable sinner, stricken with illness and oppressed with the heavy load of innumerable misdeeds, come to Thee in this my utmost need, reminding Thee, O bountiful Father, of Thy promise, which is the only consolation left to my afflicted soul, and imploring Thy grace and mercy. See, O Lord, my heart is sorely afflicted and my strength has left me. But Thou, all-wise God, Who searchest the reins and the heart, Thou knowest the desire of my oppressed soul and how gladly and willingly I would make use of the salutary means of reconciliation, which Thou has left us in the sacraments. But being now deprived of the opportunity of receiving them, I beseech Thy infinite goodness and mercy graciously to accept my good will and heartfelt desire, to confess my sins, as also to receive the

holy Viaticum and Extreme Unction. Alas, most merciful Lord, cast me not from before Thy face, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. I confess to Thee, almighty God, all the sins of my life, and I repent with all my heart for ever having offended Thee, my supreme Good, Who art worthy of all love. I am firmly resolved, provided that Thou shouldst grant me some time more to live, to amend my sinful life and at the first opportunity to confess my sins and to do penance for them. O benevolent Father, fulfil this my desire!

V. PRAYERS FOR THE DYING.

Aspirations at the Approach of Death.

I BELIEVE in Thee, my God, Who art the very Truth itself.

I hope in Thy boundless mercy.

I love Thy infinite goodness.

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped. I shall not be confounded forever.

May I die, O Lord, for the love of Thee Who wast pleased to die for the love of me.

Suffer me not, O my God, to be separated from Thee. Thee only do I desire. O infinite Goodness, I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee.

My Jesus, Thou art about to judge me. Spare and pardon, before Thou judgest me. I love Thee, and because I love Thee I am sorry that I have offended Thee.

My sweetest Jesus, suffer me not to be separated from Thee.

Blood of Jesus, wash me. Passion of Jesus,

save me. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

I desire to die, O Lord, in order to see Thee. Mary, Mother of God, pray to Jesus for me. Turn thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O Mary, now is the time to help thy servant. My Mother, forsake me not.

O paradise, O beautiful country, O country of love, when shall I see thee?

My God, when shall I behold Thee face to face?

When, O my Jesus, shall I be secure of never losing Thee again? My God, and my All.

I willingly give up all in order to gain Thee, my God.

O happy suffering, to suffer for God! happy death, to die in the Lord!

O my God, for the love of Jesus have mercy on me. Send me, O Lord, to purgatory for as long as Thou pleasest, but do not send me to hell, where I cannot love Thee.

O eternal God, I hope and desire to love Thee

forever in heaven. My Love is crucified.
Jesus, my Love, died for me.

O eternal Father, for the love of Jesus Christ,
give me Thy grace. I love Thee, I am sorry
for having offended Thee.

How can I thank Thee, O my God, for all the
blessings Thou hast bestowed upon me?

I hope to thank Thee for all eternity in
heaven.

Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy,
pray for me.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my
spirit.

My Jesus, I commend to Thee my soul, which
Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious blood.

Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

My God, help me, allow me to come and love
Thee for all eternity in heaven.

Jesus, my love, I love Thee, I am sorry for
having offended Thee.

O Mary, my hope, help me, pray to Jesus for
me.

By Thy Passion, O Jesus, save me.

My Mother Mary, help me in this hour. St.
Joseph, assist me. St. Michael the archangel,

defend me. My angel guardian, protect me. My patron saint, N. N., commend me to Jesus Christ.

All ye saints of God, intercede for me.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!

Jesus and Mary, I give you my heart and my soul.

On Presenting the Crucifix.

DEAR brother in Jesus Christ, behold the image of thy crucified Saviour, Who through infinite love of thee died the most ignominious and painful death on the cross. Behold, His head is crowned with thorns because He wishes to crown thee forever with glory. He bows His holy head in death to offer thee the kiss of peace. His brow is moist with drops of blood, to wash away thy sins. His arms are stretched out lovingly to embrace thee. His holy side is opened that thou mayest find a secure refuge in His Divine Heart. Therefore place all thy confidence in this thy loving and bountiful Redeemer and say: "Jesus, be propitious unto me! Jesus, be merciful to me! Jesus, forgive

me my sins! Jesus, into Thy hands I commend my spirit! Jesus, in Thee have I hoped, let me not be confounded forever!"

On Presenting the Blessed Candle.

MAY Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, of Whom this light is a figure, enlighten the eyes of thy spirit, that thou mayest not fall asleep in death eternal! Go forth, O Christian soul, out of this miserable life, to meet thy beloved Redeemer, Jesus Christ; go bearing in thy hand a burning light. May He Who has called thee from darkness unto His wonderful light, not permit thy soul to pass into the uttermost darkness, but bring it out of the shadow of death into perpetual light! May the light of holy faith, the fire of everlasting charity, shine in thy heart at this moment of thy departure hence; may the Holy Spirit keep it burning within thee for life eternal. O ye holy angels of light, drive hence all the spirits of darkness, that the light of faith, hope and charity may not through their craft and power be quenched in the heart of our sick brother! Amen.

Prayers of the Church for a Departing Soul.*(From the Roman Breviary.)*

PEACE be to this house. And to all who dwell therein. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy on him [her].

Christ, have mercy on him [her].

Lord, have mercy on him [her].

Holy Mary, pray for him [her].

All ye holy angels and archangels,

Holy Abel,

All ye choirs of the just,

Holy Abraham,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,

St. Peter,

St. Paul,

St. Andrew,

St. John,

All ye holy apostles and evangelists,

All ye holy disciples of the Lord,

Pray for him [her].

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All ye holy innocents, St. Stephen, St. Lawrence, All ye holy martyrs, St. Sylvester, St. Gregory, St. Augustine, All ye holy bishops and confessors, St. Benedict, St. Francis, St. Camillus, St. John of God, All ye holy monks and hermits, St. Mary Magdalen, St. Lucy, All ye holy virgins and widows, All ye men and women, saints of God, inter- cede for him [her]. Be merciful, <i>Spare him [her], O Lord.</i> Be merciful, <i>Spare him [her], O Lord.</i> From Thy wrath, From the danger of eternal death, From an evil death, From the pains of hell, From all evil,	} Pray for him [her].	} Deliver him [her] O Lord.
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From the power of the devil,
 Through Thy nativity,
 Through Thy cross and Passion,
 Through Thy death and burial,
 Through Thy glorious resurrection,
 Through Thy wonderful ascension,
 Through the grace of the Holy Ghost the
 Comforter,
 In the Day of Judgment,
 We sinners, *beseech Thee hear us.*
 That Thou spare him [her], *we beseech*
 Thee hear us.
 Lord, have mercy on him [her].
 Christ, have mercy on him [her].
 Lord, have mercy on him [her].

Desires him [her], O Lord.

Prayer.

Go forth, O Christian soul, etc.
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Prayer in the Death Agony.

COME to his [her] assistance, ye saints of
 God! Come to meet him [her], ye angels of
 the Lord! Receive his [her] soul, and bring it
 into the presence of the Most High! May Jesus

Christ, Who has called thee, receive thee, and may the angels bear thee into Abraham's bosom.

Lord, have mercy on him [her].

Christ, have mercy on him [her].

Lord, have mercy on him [her].

Our Father, etc.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Eternal rest give unto him [her], O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him [her].

V. From the gates of hell,

R. Deliver him [her], O Lord.

V. May he [she] rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Prayer.

To Thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of Thy servant, N. N. (handmaid, N. N.), that being dead to this world, he [she] may live to Thee, and whatever sins he [she] has committed

in this life through human frailty, do Thou, in Thy most merciful goodness, forgive. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Ejaculations for the Dying.

O Jesus, eternal Truth, I believe in Thee, and in this faith I desire to live and die.

O Jesus, most faithful, I hope in Thee, and in this hope I will live and die.

O Jesus, supreme Good, I love Thee above all things; in this love I desire to live and die.

O Jesus, be gracious unto me! O Jesus, be merciful unto me! O Jesus, pardon me my sins!

O Jesus, I resign myself to Thee; I accept death, because Thou wilt have it so! O Lord, receive my spirit!

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

O Jesus, be to me a Jesus, a Saviour.

Most bountiful Jesus, unto Thy sacred wounds I commend my soul.

O Jesus, in Whom I believe, have mercy upon me.

O Jesus, in Whom I hope, have mercy upon me.

O Jesus, Whom I love above all things, have mercy upon me.

O Jesus, behold Thy precious blood, which Thou didst shed for me; let it not be lost on my poor soul!

Be, O Jesus, my salvation in death and after it my sure reward!

Jesus, I believe in Thee; Jesus, I hope in Thee; Jesus, I love Thee.

Jesus, for Thee I live! Jesus, for Thee I die! Jesus, I am Thine whether living or dead!

Jesus, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Thine I am!

Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of mercy, obtain from thy divine Son the pardon of my sins.

O Mary, hold out thy saving hand to me and lead me soon to Jesus, thy divine Son.

O Mary, my dear Mother, I fly to thy patronage!

My holy angel guardian, stand by me and protect me in this hour; do not let the enemy of my soul have any power over me.

O my holy angel guardian, take charge of my soul and lead it into the presence of God!

St. Joseph, help me, that Jesus may save me from danger.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

Saints of God, come to my help; my holy patrons, pray for me; my holy angel guardian, assist me! St. Michael, the archangel, fight for me! O holy Mother of God, protect me!

Three Prayers which may be said by those in Attendance.

(St. Gertrude.)

I.

LORD, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Our Father, etc. Hail Mary, etc.

Prayer.—Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech Thee

through Thine agony and prayer on Mount Olivet, when Thy sweat was as blood flowing to the earth: offer up this bloody sweat which Thou didst shed with so much profusion, show it to Thy heavenly Father as a propitiatory sacrifice for this Thy servant N. N., and free him [her] now, at the hour of his [her] death, from all the punishments and torments which he [she] is in fear of having incurred on account of his [her] transgressions. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever. Amen.

II.

LORD, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Our Father, etc. Hail Mary, etc.

Prayer.—Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst vouchsafe to die on the cross for us, I beseech Thee to offer and present to Thy Father for the soul of this Thy servant N. N., all the bitterness of Thy sufferings endured for us poor sinners on the cross, especially in that hour when Thy most holy soul was severed from Thy body. Deliver him [her] now in the hour of death

from all the punishments and torments which he [she] is in fear of having incurred by his [her] transgressions. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

III.

LORD, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Our Father, etc. Hail Mary, etc.

Prayer.—Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst say through the mouth of the Prophet: “With everlasting love have I loved thee, therefore I have drawn thee to Me and had mercy on thee” (Is.), I beseech Thee to offer and present to Thy Father for the soul of this Thy servant N. N., that love which drew Thee down from heaven to earth, in order to undergo all the bitterness of Thy sufferings. Deliver him [her] from all the punishments and torments he [she] is in fear of having incurred for his [her] sins and save his [her] soul in this hour of death. Open for him [her] the gates of heaven and let him [her] rejoice with Thy saints in everlasting

glory. Most loving Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast redeemed us with Thy most precious blood, have mercy on the soul of this Thy servant and introduce him [her] into the ever verdant and most blissful regions of paradise, that he [she] may cling to Thee with undivided love, and nevermore be separated from Thee and Thine elect. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever. Amen.

VI. WHEN THE SOUL IS DEPARTING.

Three Blessings for the Dying.

FIRST BLESSING.

May God ✝ the Father, Who has created all things and given thee thy body and soul, bless thee.

May God ✝ the Son, thy Lord and Saviour, Who died on the cross for thee and Who has redeemed thee with His precious blood and bitter death, bless thee.

MAY God ✝ the Holy Ghost, Who through His grace has sanctified thee in holy Baptism, bless thee, and preserve thee in His grace to the end of thy life.

The peace of Our Lord Jesus ✝ be with thee. May His five sacred wounds with the blood that flowed therefrom be to thee an invincible wall against all temptations now and at the last mo-

ment of thy life. In the name of the ✝ Father, and of ✝ the Son, and of the ✝ Holy Ghost. Amen.

SECOND BLESSING.

Go forth, Christian soul, in the name of the Father, ✝ Who created thee after His own image and likeness; in the name of the Son, ✝ Who redeemed thee with His precious blood; in the name of the Holy Ghost ✝ Who sanctified thee. Behold, the divine Saviour comes; go forth to meet Him! Go now, Christian soul, in the name of the Most Holy Trinity; ✝ the Father, Whose omnipotence will protect thee; ✝ the Son, Whose mercy will accompany thee; ✝ the Holy Ghost, Whose sanctifying grace will not forsake thee!

May the cross of Christ ✝ be thy shield against all the assaults of the wicked enemy. Go forth, in the name of Jesus, before Whom every knee must bow in heaven, on earth; in the name of Jesus, before Whom hell is trembling; in the name of Jesus, in Whom all find their salvation.

May the wounds of Jesus be thy strength in the passage to eternity; the cross of Christ thy staff; the merits of Christ thy riches; the body of the Lord thy Viaticum; thy holy angel guardian the companion of thy journey, and Mary thy helper and mediator.

May the power of the Father ✠ strengthen thee; the wisdom of the Son ✠ govern thee; the comfort of the Holy Ghost ✠ refresh thee.

Depart then, Christian soul, in the name of the Most Holy Trinity, ✠ the Father, ✠ the Son, and ✠ the Holy Ghost.

The blessing ✠ of the Most Holy Trinity be with thee and remain with thee forever. Amen.

THIRD BLESSING.

Go forth in peace, Christian soul! May the blessing ✠ of Our Lord Jesus Christ replenish thee; ✠ the power of His bitter suffering and death strengthen thee; the victorious sign of the holy cross shield thee; ✠ the protection of the Immaculate Virgin cover thee; ✠ the choir of the angels screen thee; St. Michael, the arch-

angel, fight for thee. The intercession of all the elect and saints assist thee. May the protection and blessing of God the Father, ✝ Who created thee out of nothing, accompany thee; the power of Jesus Christ ✝ Who shed all His blood for thee, preserve thee; may the Holy Ghost, Who made thee His sanctuary, replenish and ✝ bless thee.

Go forth, Christian soul, to thy God and Father, Who, through love of thee, vouchsafed to send His Son down upon the earth. May Jesus be with thee, and favor thee with His merits. May the Holy Ghost be with thee and enrich thee with His love. May God have mercy on thee and bless ✝ thee. May the God of Israel send thee help from His holy dwelling-place. May the Lord be gracious unto thee, pardon thee thy sins and heal thy wounds. Let Him bless thy going out of this world ✝ and thy entrance into eternity ✝. May the almighty, merciful God, the Father ✝ and the Son ✝ and the Holy Ghost ✝ vouchsafe to grant thee this grace. Amen.

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Go forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father almighty, Who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, Who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Ghost, Who was poured out upon thee; in the name of the angels and archangels; in the name of the thrones and dominations; in the name of the principalities and powers; in the name of the cherubim and seraphim; in the name of the patriarchs and prophets; in the name of the holy apostles and evangelists; in the name of the holy martyrs and confessors; in the name of the holy monks and hermits; in the name of the holy virgins and of all the saints of God: may thy place be this day in peace, and thine abode in holy Sion. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

O God most merciful, O God most loving kind, O God Who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, blottest out the sins of the peni-

tent, and graciously remittest the guilt of their past offences; look favorably upon this Thy servant, N. N., and in Thy mercy hear him begging, with the whole confession of his heart, for the remission of all his sins. Renew in him, O most loving Father, whatsoever hath been corrupted through human frailty, or violated through the deceit of the devil; and associate him, as a member of redemption, to the unity of the body of the Church. Have pity, Lord, on his sighs; have pity on his tears; and admit him, whose only hope is in Thy mercy, to the sacrament of Thy reconciliation. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

I commend thee to almighty God, dearest brother, and commit thee to Him Whose creature thou art: that, when thou shalt have paid the debt of humanity by death, thou mayest return to thy Maker, Who formed thee of the dust of the earth. As thy soul goeth forth from the body, may the bright company of angels meet thee; may the judicial senate of apostles greet thee; may the triumphant army of white-robed martyrs come out to welcome thee; may the band of glowing confessors,

crowned with lilies, encircle thee; may the choir of virgins, singing jubilees, receive thee; and the embrace of a blessed repose fold thee in the bosom of the patriarchs: mild and festive may the aspect of Jesus Christ appear to thee, and may He award thee a place among them that stand before Him forever. Mayest thou never know whatever is terrifying in darkness, dismal in the roaring of flames, or excruciating in torments. May foulest Satan, with his crew, give way before thee; may he tremble at thy coming among angels that attend thee, and flee away into the vast chaos of eternal night. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before His face.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so let them fall away; and like as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God; but let the just revel and exult before Him.

May, then, all the legions of hell be confounded and put to shame, and the ministers of Satan never dare to stop thy way. May Christ, Who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torments. May Christ, Who vouchsafed to die

for thee, deliver thee from everlasting death. May Christ, the Son of the living God, place thee within the ever-verdant gardens of His paradise, and may He, the true Shepherd, acknowledge thee among His sheep. May He absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at His right hand in the lot of His elect. Mayest thou behold thy Redeemer face to face; and, standing always in His presence, gaze with blessed eyes on the open vision of truth. And set thus among the troops of the blessed, mayest thou enjoy the sweetness of divine contemplation forever and ever. Amen.

Receive, O Lord, Thy servant into the place of salvation, of which he hath no hope but in thy mercy.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant from all the dangers of hell, and from the snares of torment, and from all tribulations.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Henoch and Elias from the common death of the world.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as
Thou didst deliver Noe from the flood.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as
Thou didst deliver Abraham from Ur of the
Chaldeans.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as
Thou didst deliver Job from all his sufferings.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as
Thou didst deliver Isaac from being sacrificed
by the hand of his father Abraham.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as
Thou didst deliver Lot from Sodom and from
the flame of fire.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as
Thou didst deliver Moses from the hands of
Pharao, King of the Egyptians.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as
Thou didst deliver Daniel from the den of lions.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver the three children from the burning fiery furnace, and from the hands of the wicked king.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Susanna from false accusation.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver David from the hand of King Saul and from the hand of Goliath.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou didst deliver Peter and Paul out of prison.

R. Amen.

And like as Thou didst deliver Thy most blessed virgin and martyr, Thecla, from three most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this Thy servant, and make it to rejoice with Thee in the delights of heaven.

R. Amen.

We commend to Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, N. N., and we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, that

Thou wouldst not refuse to receive into the bosom of Thy patriarchs, a soul for whose sake Thou didst mercifully come down upon earth. Acknowledge, O Lord, Thy creature, not made by strange gods but by Thee, the only living and true God: for there is no other God beside Thee, and none that doeth according to Thy works. Rejoice his soul, O Lord, with Thy presence, and remember not the iniquities and excesses which, through the violence of anger, or the heat of evil passion, he hath at any time committed. For although he hath sinned, he hath not denied the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, but hath believed, and hath had a zeal for God, and hath faithfully adored the Creator of all things.

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the sins of his youth, and his ignorances; but, according to Thy great mercy, be mindful of him in the brightness of Thy glory. Let the heavens be opened to him, let the angels rejoice with him.

Receive Thy servant, O Lord, into Thy kingdom. Let St. Michael, the archangel of God, prince of the armies of heaven, receive him.

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Let the holy angels of God come forth to meet him, and conduct him to the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. Let the blessed Peter, the Apostle, to whom God gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive him. Let St. Paul, the Apostle, who was counted worthy to be a vessel of election, assist him. Let St. John, the chosen apostle of God, to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for him. Let all the holy apostles, to whom the Lord gave the power of binding and loosing, pray for him. Let all the saints and elect of God, who in this world have suffered torments for the name of Christ, intercede for him, that, loosed from the bonds of the flesh, he may attain unto the glory of the heavenly kingdom, through the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth forever and ever.

R. Amen.

VII. AFTER THE SOUL HAS DEPARTED

Litany for the Faithful Departed.

LORD, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on the
souls of the faithful departed.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have
mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on the souls of
the faithful departed.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on the souls
of the faithful departed.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

St. Michael,

All ye angels and archangels,

All ye orders of blessed spirits,

*Pray for the souls of the
faithful departed.*

St. John Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. John,
All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
All ye holy martyrs,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,
St. Jerome,
All ye holy bishops and confessors,
All ye holy doctors,
All ye holy priests and Levites,
All ye holy monks and hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Catharine,
St. Barbara,
All ye holy virgins and widows,
All ye saints of God,
Be merciful, *spare them, O Lord.*
Be merciful, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

From all evil,
From Thy wrath,
From the rigor of Thy justice,
From long-enduring sorrow,
From cruel flames,
From intolerable cold,
From horrible darkness,
From weeping and wailing,
Through Thine admirable conception,
Through Thy most holy nativity,
Through Thy most sweet name,
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting,
Through Thy most profound humiliation,
Through Thy prompt obedience,
Through Thine infinite love,
Through Thy sorrow and anguish,
Through Thy bloody sweat,
Through Thy bonds,
Through Thy scourging,
Through Thy crowning with thorns,
Through Thy carrying of the cross,
Through Thy most cruel death,
Through Thy five most holy wounds,
Through Thy most bitter cross and Passion,
Through Thy holy resurrection,

O Lord, deliver them.

Through Thine admirable ascension,
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost the
Paraclete,

*O Lord, deliver
them.*

In the Day of Judgment,

We sinners, *beseech Thee, hear us.*

Thou Who didst forgive Magdalen, and
didst hearken to the prayer of the thief,

Thou Who savest freely Thine elect,

Thou Who hast the keys of death and hell,

That Thou wouldst be pleased to deliver
the souls of our parents, relations,
friends, and benefactors, from the pains
of hell,

That Thou wouldst be pleased to have
mercy on those of whom no special re-
membrance is made on earth,

That Thou wouldst be pleased to grant
them all the pardon and remission of
their sins,

That Thou wouldst be pleased to fulfil all
their desires,

That Thou wouldst be pleased to receive
them into the company of the blessed,

King of awful majesty,

Son of God,

We beseech Thee, hear us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *grant unto them rest.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *grant unto them rest.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *grant unto them rest everlasting.*

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. From the gate of hell,

R. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer,

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us Pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that, through pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

O eternal God, Who, besides the general precept of charity, hast commanded a particular respect to parents, kindred, and benefactors;

grant, we beseech Thee, that, as they were the instruments by which Thy providence bestowed on us our birth, education, and innumerable other blessings, so our prayers may be the means to obtain for them a speedy release from their excessive sufferings, and free admittance to Thine infinite joys: through Jesus, etc.

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES FOR THE
USE OF RELIGIOUS SICK-NURSES.**

Itinerary.

Ant. In the way of peace.

Cant. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for
He hath visited, and wrought the redemption
of His people.

2. And hath raised up a horn of salvation to
us: in the house of His servant David.

3. As He spake by the mouth of His holy
prophets: who are from the beginning.

4. Salvation from our enemies: and from the
hand of all that hate us.

5. To perform mercy to our fathers: and to
remember His holy testament.

6. The oath that He sware to Abraham our
father: that He would grant unto us.

7. That being delivered from the hands of
our enemies: we may serve Him without fear.

8. In holiness and justice before Him: all the days of our life.

9. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways.

10. To give knowledge of salvation unto His people: for the remission of their sins.

11. Through the bowels of the mercy of Our God: whereby the Orient from on high hath visited us.

12. To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: to direct our feet into the way of peace. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. In the way of peace and prosperity may the Lord, the almighty and merciful, direct our steps.

And may the angel Raphael accompany us on the way, that we may return to our home in peace, safety and joy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father (*secretly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Save Thy servants.

R. Who trust in Thee, O my God.

V. Send us help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.

R. And defend us out of Sion.

V. Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against us.

R. Nor the son of iniquity approach to hurt us.

V. Blessed be the Lord from day to day.

R. May the God of our salvation make our way prosperous before us.

V. Show us Thy way, O Lord.

R. And teach us Thy paths.

V. Oh, that our ways were directed

R. To keep Thy righteous laws.

V. The crooked ways shall be made straight.

R. And the rough places smooth.

V. God hath given His angels charge concerning Thee.

R. To keep Thee in all Thy ways.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

O God, Who madest the sons of Israel to walk with dry feet through the midst of the sea, and Who didst open to the three Magi, by the guiding of a star, the way that led to Thee; grant to us, we beseech Thee, a prosperous journey and a time of tranquillity, that, attended by Thy holy angel, we may happily arrive at that place whither we are journeying, and finally at the haven of eternal salvation. O God, Who broughtest Abraham, Thy son, out of the land of the Chaldees, and didst preserve him unhurt through all his journeyings, we beseech Thee vouchsafe to keep us Thy servants; be unto us our support in our setting out, our solace on the way, our shadow in the heat, our covering in the rain and cold, the chariot of our weariness, the fortress of our adversity, our staff in the ways of slipperiness, and our harbor in shipwreck, that under Thy guidance we may reach in prosperity the object of our journey, and at length return to our home in safety. Give ear, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to our supplications, and dispose the way of Thy servants in the blessedness of Thy salvation, that amidst all the various changes of this, our life and pil-

grimage, we may ever be protected by Thy help. Vouchsafe to Thy people, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that they may walk onward in the way of salvation, and, by following the exhortations of the blessed forerunner, John, may come safe to the presence of Him Whom he preached, Jesus Christ Thy Son, Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

V. Let us proceed in peace

R. In the name of the Lord. Amen.

Aspirations on the Way to the Sick Man.

O MY SAVIOUR, through love of Thee I am about to visit this sick man; make my heart overflow with charity.

I will visit Thee, O Jesus, in this sick man; Oh, that my cold heart were inflamed with the fire of Thy love!

O Jesus, in Thy Sacred Heart I enclose the soul of this sick man.

O Jesus, do not let Thy infinite merits be lost upon this soul.

O Jesus, come to help Thy servant, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Mother of Dolors, who didst stand at the foot of the cross, assist this soul!

Mary, Comforter of the afflicted, Health of the sick, console this sick man and commend him to thy Son.

Holy angel guardian of this sick man, assist me, that I may guide his soul to heaven, where thou wouldst have it to be.

Morning Salutation.

TO THE HOLY FOUNDER (OR TO THE PATRON SAINT) OF THE CONGREGATION.

THROUGH the most sweet Heart of Jesus, I salute thee, St. N. N., in union with all thy clients in heaven, on earth, and in purgatory. While on earth thou didst assist with the most assiduous care the sick and the dying, and now, that thou art in heaven, how much greater is thy love for souls! Take then under thy constant protection this, our Congregation, which venerates thee as her patron. Help us to glorify God, according to the desire of thy heart. Help

us to pray this day as thou didst pray, to perform our works of charity with that same spirit which rendered thine so pleasing to God; help us to unite the contemplative with the active life, so that the one may not impede the other. Help us to merit daily more and more the name of Brothers [Sisters] of Charity, and like thyself to love our neighbor, as Jesus has loved us. Following thy example, O St. N. N., I will each day, and especially this day, begin with all earnestness to strive to attain to perfection, and will endeavor to show myself everywhere a worthy Brother [Sister] of Charity, and thy true child.

Evening Salutation.

TO THE HOLY FOUNDER (OR TO THE PATRON SAINT) OF THE CONGREGATION.

As a good child to its father, so do I come to thee, St. N. N., to thank thee with all my heart for the protection thou hast this day afforded me and the graces thou hast obtained for me. Graciously ask God's pardon for the faults I have committed, and if I have done anything

good, hide it in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that it may be united with His merits. During thy life thou didst do so much for God, and I have hitherto contributed so little towards His glory. Oh, help me henceforth to turn all things, even the smallest, to account for heaven and to sanctify even the time of my sleep. I unite my actions, and those of my brothers [sisters] in religion and all those who are dear to me, with all the good works which during this night will be performed by pious souls, with all the Masses which are said, but especially to the prayer of Our Saviour abiding in all the tabernacles of the world. May every pulsation, every breath of mine be an act of love, an offering of the precious blood for the wants of the Church, the conversion of sinners, heretics and infidels, as also for the deliverance of the souls in purgatory. Thus let me practise charity even while sleeping; to this effect, dear St. N. N., bless me with thy paternal hand.

Holy Mass.**AT THE KYRIE.**

ETERNAL God, prostrate before Thy infinite majesty, I humbly adore Thee and offer Thee all my thoughts, words and works of this day. My intention is to do all things through love of Thee, for Thy greater glory, to serve Thee, to praise Thee, to accomplish Thy divine will, to be enlightened in the mysteries of our holy faith, to work out my salvation, to have an increase of confidence in Thy mercy, to atone for my many and grievous sins, to obtain the grace of a true conversion for all sinners and consolation for the suffering souls in purgatory. In short I make the intention to do everything in union with those most pure intentions which Jesus and Mary and all the saints in heaven had during their lives and which all the just on earth have. I wish I could sign with my blood this my intention, and repeat it each instant as often as there are moments in eternity. My dearest Lord, receive this my good will and give me Thy holy blessing, together with the efficacious grace

of nevermore committing a mortal sin during the remainder of my life and especially this day, on which I desire and intend to gain all the indulgences I can. I desire also to assist at all the holy Masses which will be celebrated this day throughout the whole Catholic world, in order to apply them by way of suffrage to the holy souls in purgatory, that they may be released from their torments. Amen.

AT THE GLORIA.

O MY GOD, could I but serve Thee with purest love this day, and do all things only to please Thee! Could I but use every moment so as to procure Thy glory and the perfect accomplishment of Thy holy will! Could I but love and serve Thee with the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus! I unite my poor heart, my thoughts, wishes, words and actions with His, and beseech Thee to repair my faults by His virtues. O my God, do not permit me ever again to afflict Thee by wilful venial sin. Rather than allow this, send me whatsoever humiliation or suffering Thou wilt. O Mary, my dearest, sweetest

Mother, bring me nearer to Jesus this day; teach me to love Him with thy love, to follow Him with thy fidelity. I unite my dispositions with those of thy immaculate heart. St. Joseph, obtain for me that sincere, true and manly piety with which thou didst serve the Lord, and in particular that I may spend this day solely for His greater glory.

AT THE EPISTLE.

GIVE me, O my Saviour, to understand and to put into practice that word of Thy Apostle which forms the very basis of my vocation: "If I speak with the tongues of . . . angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I should have prophecy, and should know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I should have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing" (1 Cor. xiii. 1-8).

AT THE GOSPEL.

O MY JESUS, grant us the grace one day to hear that word: "Come, ye blessed of My Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." But let us also bear in mind that narrow is the gate and strait is the way which leadeth to life, and that only the violent carry away the kingdom of heaven.

AT THE OFFERTORY.

O LORD, all things are Thine in heaven and on earth. I desire to offer myself to Thee as a voluntary sacrifice and to remain forever Thine. Receive me, O Lord, for Thy servant, and as a perpetual sacrifice of praise, which I offer Thee in union with the holy sacrifice of Thy Church. I present to Thee also all the sins and negligences of which I have hitherto been guilty; consume and blot them out on the altar of propitiation, and in the fire of Thy love. I add to it the little good I have done: cleanse and sanctify, approve and multiply it. I offer Thee likewise the pious desires of Thy servants, the

wants of my friends and benefactors, and of those who have injured me or who have been injured, scandalized and offended by me, that Thou mayest equally pardon us all and that, helped by the assistance of Thy grace, we may obtain life everlasting. Amen.

AT THE PREFACE.

O God of infinite majesty, I adore Thee in the name of all creatures, and with that most profound and humble adoration with which Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, glorified Thee while on earth; and I desire also to adore Thee each moment, in order to make atonement for all the ingratitude of my life. To Thee, O Lord, be glory; to Thee, before Whom every knee bows, of those who are in heaven, on earth and under the earth; to Whom the heavenly hosts proclaim a perpetual canticle: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth !

AT THE CANON.

O JESUS, Who art now about to renew on this altar Thy sacrifice of the cross, fill my heart, I

beseech Thee, with pure, apostolic and holy charity. In this spirit of love I commend all men to Thy holy wounds which are open for all.

In the wound of Thy right hand I enclose the holy Father, the bishops and priests, especially N. N. With Thy mighty hand govern, protect and lead them all to great holiness, that they may work much for Thy glory and the salvation of souls.

In the holy wound of Thy left hand I enclose our Congregation [community], my superiors and especially my brothers [sisters] in religion. Help us to perform the works of mercy in such a manner that the left hand may not know what the right hand does; that unsullied by any unholy intention, they may become instruments for leading souls to Thee, and obtain for us hereafter the reward promised to the merciful.

In the wound of Thy right foot I enclose my relations, benefactors, friends and enemies. Teach them steadfastly to observe Thy commandments; lead them along that way by which they will most securely arrive at eternal happiness in heaven. Give them a rich share in the

little good I daily perform and let them reap the blessing thereof in life, in death and in the world to come.

To the holy wound of Thy left foot I commend all sinners, infidels and heretics; all the poor, the captives, the sick and the dying. Visit them with Thy grace and send them Thy servants to provide them with bodily and spiritual succor.

To the wound of Thy Sacred Heart I commend myself and N. N. Into the boundless ocean of Thy most generous Heart, I cast myself and all my misery, that losing myself I may find Thee.

AT THE CONSECRATION.

O VICTIM of salvation! sacrificed for me and for all mankind! Sacred body of the Son of God! torn with nails, pierced with a lance, and bleeding on the cross for us poor sinners! Amazing goodness! infinite love! O let that tender love plead now on my behalf: let all my iniquities be effaced, and my name written in the book of life. I believe in Thee; I hope in

Thee; I love Thee. To Thee be honor, praise, glory, and benediction, forever and ever. Amen.

O sacred blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, and washing away the sins of the world! cleanse, sanctify, and preserve my soul, that nothing may ever separate me from Thee! Behold, O eternal Father, Thy only-begotten Son, and look upon the face of Thy Christ, in Whom Thou art well pleased. Hear the voice of His blood, crying out to Thee, not for vengeance, but for mercy and pardon. Accept this divine oblation, and through the infinite merits of all the sufferings that Jesus endured on the cross for our salvation, be pleased to look upon us and upon all Thy people, with an eye of mercy. Have mercy on us, dear Jesus, and grant that Thy blood may not be shed for us in vain. Amen.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION.

Look down now, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon this sacred Victim, which was once offered to Thee upon the cross, and is now daily offered

to Thee. Remember that Thy only-begotten Son, for us poor sinners, was conceived and born into this world. For us He suffered a bitter agony and bloody sweat; for us He was betrayed into the hands of sinners, buffeted, spit upon, and in many ways abused; for us He was scourged at a pillar, crowned with thorns, and nailed to the cross; for us He died, for us He triumphed over death by His resurrection, and for us He opened heaven by His ascension. We desire gratefully to commemorate all these mysteries to-day, in the oblation of this pure and holy sacrifice. Oh! look not on our sins, but on the infinite ransom paid for them. And while we offer it here below upon our altars, do Thou receive it upon Thine altar on high, from the hands of the Angel of great counsel, the eternal Priest; and from thence send down Thy blessing upon all of us who here below assist at Thy divine mysteries: through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

AT THE MEMENTO AND PRAYER.

BE mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants who slumber in the hope of a blessed resurrection,

especially N. N., and grant them a habitation in the land of light, where pain, sorrow and sadness are no more, and where the vision of Thy countenance gives everlasting joy to all Thy elect. To us, who are still living, and although laden with sins, hope in Thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant a participation in the merits of Thy saints and the imitation of their virtues, that, with the help of their intercession, we may now walk in Thy grace and hereafter be admitted to their happy society, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

AT THE AGNUS DEI.

(St. Gertrude.)

O LAMB OF GOD, have mercy on us, and offer Thyself to God the Father with all Thy humility and all Thy patience, in satisfaction for our sins.

O Lamb of God, have mercy on us, and offer Thyself to God the Father with all the bitterness of Thy Passion, for our reconciliation to God.

O Lamb of God, have mercy on us, and offer Thyself to God the Father with all the love of

Thy Divine Heart, for the supply of all our necessities. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.

(St. Gertrude.)

O THOU stream from the life-giving fountain, Thou fragrance and sweetness of divine delight ! I prostrate myself in my indigence and my misery in presence of Thine overflowing fulness. I set before Thee my sorrow and my tears, that, by reason of my exceeding unworthiness, my soul must go away fasting from Thy adorable banquet. And now, O Thou Who hast formed my substance and reformed it when fallen and decayed, I beseech Thee so to prepare me by Thine all-powerful wisdom, and by the tender compassionate love of Thy Heart, that I may worthily receive Thee into my soul, and that Thou mayest work and perfect in me without impediment all that Thou hast from eternity decreed concerning me, according to the good pleasure of Thy divine will. Amen.

AT THE LAST OREMUS.

GRACIOUSLY hear, O Lord, the prayers of Thy holy Church, which invokes Thee in the name of Thy beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ; may Thy right hand protect us, and turning away from us all evil, confirm us in Thy grace now and forever. Amen.

AT THE BENEDICTION.

MAY God be merciful unto us: may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and be merciful unto us. That we may know Thy way upon earth: Thy salvation among all nations. May God, even our God, bless us, may God bless us: and all the ends of the earth fear Him (Ps. lxvi.).

AT THE LAST GOSPEL.

O ETERNAL Word of the Father, through Whom all things are created, Thou Who art the true light and wisdom, truth and life, come down from heaven to be our way: O do not permit me to love the darkness more than the light! O Word Incarnate, Who didst dwell among us, and Who dost visit us anew in this holy sacrifice, I adore Thee and hope from Thee

and through Thee to obtain all the graces necessary for my sanctification, that I may one day see Thy glory, as of the only-begotten of the Father and be forever numbered among the children of God. Amen.

THE DIVINE PRAISES.

BLESSED be God.

Blessed be His holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and immaculate Conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

(Two years' indulgence for each public recitation after Mass or Benediction, one year for each private recitation; Leo XIII., Feb. 2, 1897.)

Devotions for Confession: Before Confession.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY GHOST.

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant us in the same Spirit to relish what is right, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Enlighten me, O Spirit of truth, and make me see all my failings as clearly as I shall behold them one day, when in presence of my divine Judge. Make me see what evil I have done and what good I have left undone. Show me the number and the extent of the infidelities I have committed in Thy service. Let me realize how often, and to what degree, I have injured my neighbor, as well as the wrong I have done

to myself, and all the faults I have been guilty of with respect to the duties of my state. Do not permit me to be blinded by self-love, but make me know myself and make myself known as is necessary for the salvation of my soul. Amen.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

1. With Respect to God.

FOR what reason have my prayers been un-availing? Want of preparation; spirit of activity; indolence; susceptibility? How often have I had wilful distractions? how often have I badly performed morning and evening prayers, meditation, holy office, hearing holy Mass, communion, examination of conscience? Have I habitually indulged in distractions? Has my work been done with a good intention or by routine?

2. With Respect to One's Neighbor.

Superiors.—Have I made unnecessary, indiscreet objections, contradicted, obeyed punc-

tually, joyfully, promptly? Why not? Through indolence, because the work was unpleasant to me, because I thought I knew better, etc.? Have I obeyed more punctually one superior than another? have I in thought or even in words censured the actions of my superiors, murmured at their commands?

Brothers [Sisters] in Religion.—Have I judged others' faults? Spoken about them? Been impatient, unkind, disobliging? Have I given way to some aversion, manifested it? In what manner? Have I entertained envious thoughts, rejoiced at the misfortune of a brother [sister] in religion who had wounded my self-love? Have I given way to susceptibility? taken revenge?

Sick-nursing.—Have I been deficient in zeal and punctuality while nursing the sick? Have I been charitable, patient and meek to all the sick without distinction? have I bestowed due care on their salvation? have I failed against religious modesty?

3. *With Respect to Self.*

Predominant Fault.—Have I firmly, zealously combated it? In what and how often have I failed?

Faults against Humility: Thoughts.—Have I had a high opinion of myself? Dwelt in thought upon the praise and esteem I formerly enjoyed? Wished for occupations, etc., pleasing to self-love? Have I allowed myself to be dejected by blame at the ill success of some work and the like? Yielded to susceptibility when reprimanded?

Words.—Have I spoken through vanity? ObstinateIy insisted on my opinion, cloaked and excused my faults? Have I been guilty of flattery?

Works.—Have I done my works through vanity, to obtain the approval of my superiors? have I shunned humiliation? have I omitted to ask necessary information, in order not to display my ignorance? Have I, in order not to displease men, kept silence when God was offended?

Faults against Poverty.—Have I done anything without leave? have I lent or given away some object or other, or employed it for other purposes? have I allowed anything to waste through sloth and negligence? have I indulged in wishes for something better or more comfortable? have I selected what was best, received little privations with discontent, entertained an attachment for some one thing or other?

Faults against Chastity.—Have I resolutely and without delay fought against impure thoughts? looked at, read, done something of which I foresaw that it might give uneasiness? have I yielded to some particular affection?

Immortification.—Have I been dainty in eating, immortified in looks, despondent in adversity, capricious?

Idleness.—Have I lost time? have I been lazy at work? Did I get up at the first sound of the bell?

Faults against the Holy Rule.—Do I transgress any point of the Rule habitually? for what reason? Do I obey punctually at the first signal of the bell? Have I, contrary to an in-

terior warning, transgressed the rule of silence? Have I always spoken the truth? exaggerated nothing? Consider what more considerable sin of your former life you choose to confess and repent of.

CONTRITION AND RESOLUTION.

O MY LORD GOD, from the bottom of my heart I repent of these and all the sins of my life, not only because they have made me deserve temporal or even eternal punishment from Thee, my just Judge, but also because I have shown myself so ungrateful to Thee, my greatest Benefactor. Most of all I repent of them, because I have thereby offended Thee, the sovereign and most amiable Good, Whom I ought to have loved above all things. I therefore earnestly resolve, with Thy grace, to avoid sin for the future and to make due satisfaction for past sins. O my Jesus, grant me the grace to do so. Amen.

After Confession.

(From Ps. cii.)

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and let all that
is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and never forget
all He hath done for thee.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: Who
healeth all thy diseases.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction:
Who crowned thee with mercy and compassion.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful: long-
suffering and plenteous in mercy.

He hath not dealt with us according to our
sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniqui-
ties.

As far as the east is from the west; so far
hath He removed our iniquities from us.

As a father hath compassion on his children;
so hath the Lord compassion on them that fear
Him.

For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth
that we are but dust.

Bless the Lord, all His angels: ye ministers of His that do His will.

Bless the Lord, all His works in every place of His dominion: bless thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF SALES.

O MY God, I, a miserable creature, come before Thee, devoid of meritorious works, and possessing nothing wherewith to atone for my sins; but I offer Thee the merits of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, which are infinitely greater than all the offences committed against Thee by me and all other creatures. Eternal Father, I offer Thee the price of redemption which Thy beloved Son laid down for me when dying on the wood of the cross. Look down, O Lord, on the face of Thy Christ; hearken to the voice of His blood, imploring mercy for me; and if now my eyes are tearless to weep over my sins, and if my heart detests them only inwardly, look much rather on the tears of Thy only-begotten Son, and on all the drops of

blood which He has shed for me both in life and in death. Through the unspeakable humility of Thy most beloved Son, forgive me, O my God, my pride and my vanity. Through His most holy truth and love, forgive me all my insincerity, and through His perfect poverty forgive me all my covetousness. Through the virginal purity of His body forgive all the impurity of my heart and senses; through the hunger and thirst which He suffered in the desert and on the cross, pardon all my intemperance and concupiscence. Through the meekness and mildness of the immaculate Lamb, take not into consideration my anger, stubbornness and vengeance. Through the patient, loving care and diligence with which He worked out my salvation, forgive me all my negligence and tepidity. Through all His merits and infinite perfections, forgive me my countless shortcomings and frailties. In order to make satisfaction for so many faults, I will readily bear all troubles, afflictions and contradictions whether they come to me directly from Thee or through Thy creatures, according to the decrees of Thy divine providence. To this

Thy providence I submit with all my heart,
and even to my last breath. All and every-
thing, O my God, but no more sin!

**Devotions for Communion: Before Holy
Communion.**

(St. Alphonsus.)

ACT OF FAITH.

MY BELOVED REDEEMER, in a few moments
Thou art coming to me. O hidden God, un-
known to the greater part of men, I believe, I
confess, I adore Thee in the Most Holy Sacra-
ment as my Lord and Saviour! And in ac-
knowledgment of this truth, I would willingly
lay down my life. Thou comest to enrich me
with Thy graces and to unite Thyself wholly
to me; how great, then, should be my confi-
dence in this, Thy so loving visit!

ACT OF CONFIDENCE.

EXPAND thyself, O my soul, for thy Jesus
can do thee every good, and love thee exceed-
ingly. Hope then for great things from thy

Lord, Who, urged by love, cometh all love to thee. Yes, my dearest Jesus, my only hope, I trust in Thy goodness, that, in giving Thyself to me this morning, Thou wilt enkindle in my poor heart the beautiful flame of Thy pure love, and a real desire to please Thee; so that, from this day forward, I may never will anything but what Thou wilt.

ACT OF LOVE.

Al, my God, my God, Thou true and only Love of my soul! what more couldst Thou have done to be loved by me? To die for me was not enough for Thee, my Lord; Thou wast pleased to institute this great Sacrament in order to give Thyself all to me, and thus bind and unite Thyself heart to heart with so loathsome and ungrateful a creature as I am. And what is more, Thou Thyself invitest me to receive Thee, and desirest so much that I should do so! O boundless love! incomprehensible love! infinite love! a God would give Himself wholly to me!

My soul, believest thou this? And what doest thou? what sayest thou? O God, O

God, infinitely amiable and the only object worthy of the love of all, I love Thee with my whole heart, I love Thee above all things, I love Thee more than myself, more than my life! Oh, could I but see Thee loved by all! Oh, could I but cause Thee to be loved by all hearts as much as Thou deservest! I love Thee, O most amiable God, and I unite my miserable heart in loving Thee to the hearts of the seraphim, to the heart of the most blessed Virgin Mary, to the Heart of Jesus, Thy most loving and beloved Son. Thus, O infinite Good, I love Thee with the love with which the saints, with which Mary, with which Jesus love Thee. And I love Thee only because Thou art worthy of it, and to give Thee pleasure. Depart, all earthly affections, which are not for God, depart from my heart. Mother of fair love, most holy Virgin Mary, help me to love that God Whom thou dost so ardently desire to see loved.

ACT OF HUMILITY.

O MY SOUL, thou art even now about to feed on the most sacred flesh of Jesus! And art

thou worthy? My God, who am I, and Who art Thou? I indeed know and confess Who Thou art Who givest Thyself to me; but dost Thou know what I am who am about to receive Thee?

And is it possible, O my Jesus, that Thou, Who art infinite purity, shouldst desire to come and reside in this soul of mine, which has been so many times the dwelling-place of Thy enemy, and soiled with so many sins? I know, O my Lord, Thy great majesty and my misery; I am ashamed to appear before Thee. Reverence would induce me to keep at a distance from Thee; but if I depart from Thee, O my Life, whither shall I go? to whom shall I have recourse? and what will become of me? No, never will I depart from Thee; nay, I will ever draw nearer and nearer to Thee. Thou art pleased that I should receive Thee as food, Thou even invitest me to this. I come then, O my amiable Saviour, I come to receive Thee this morning, all humbled and confused at the sight of my faults, but full of confidence in Thy tender mercy, and in the love which Thou bearest me.

ACT OF CONTRITION.

I AM indeed grieved, O God of my soul, for not having loved Thee during the time past; still worse, so far from loving Thee, and to gratify my own inclinations, I have greatly offended and outraged Thy infinite goodness: I have turned my back upon Thee, I have deliberately despised Thy grace and friendship. Lord, I am sorry, and grieve for it with my whole heart. I detest the sins which I have committed, be they great or small, as the greatest of all my misfortunes, because I have thereby offended Thee, O infinite Goodness. I trust that Thou hast already forgiven me; but if Thou hast not yet pardoned me, oh, do so before I receive Thee: wash with Thy blood this soul of mine, in which Thou art so soon about to dwell.

ACT OF DESIRE.

AND now, my soul, the blessed hour is arrived in which Jesus will come and take up His abode in thy poor heart. Behold the King of

heaven, behold thy Redeemer and God, Who is even now coming; prepare thyself to receive Him with love, invite Him with the ardor of thy desire; come, O my Jesus, come to my soul which desires Thee. Before Thou givest Thyself to me, I desire to give Thee my miserable heart, which I now offer Thee; do Thou accept it, and come quickly to take possession of it.

Come, O my God! hasten and delay no longer. My only and infinite Good, my Treasure, my Life, my Paradise, my Love, my All in all, my wish is to receive Thee with the same burning love with which the most holy and loving souls have ever received Thee; and with that with which the most blessed Virgin Mary received Thee; with those most fervent communions I unite the one I am about to make.

Most holy Virgin and my dear Mother Mary, behold, I am about to receive thy Son. Would that I had the heart and love with which thou didst communicate! Give me this morning thy Jesus, as thou didst give Him to the shepherds and to the kings; I desire to receive Him from thy most pure hands. Tell Him that I am thy

servant and thy client; for He will thus look upon me with more loving eyes, and will unite me more closely to Himself.

After Holy Communion.

O MY JESUS, now that Thou, Who art the true Life, art come to me, make me die to the world, and to live only for Thee, my Redeemer; by the flames of Thy love destroy in me all that is displeasing to Thee, and give me a true desire to gratify and please Thee in all things.

Give me that true humility which shall make me love contempt and self-abjection, and take from me all ambition of putting myself forward. Give me the spirit of mortification, that I may deny myself all those things that do not tend to Thy love, and may lovingly embrace that which is displeasing to the senses and to self-love.

Give me a perfect resignation to Thy will, that I may accept in peace pains, infirmities, loss of friends or property, desolations, persecutions, and all that comes to me from Thy

hand. I offer Thee my whole being, that Thou mayest dispose of me according to Thy pleasure. And give me grace always to repeat this entire offering of myself, especially at the time of my death. May I, then, offer the sacrifice of my life to Thee, in union with the sacrifice that Thou didst make of Thy life for me to the eternal Father. My Jesus, enlighten me, and make me know Thy goodness, and the obligation I am under to love Thee above all, for the love Thou hast borne me in dying for me, and in giving Thyself to me in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I pray Thee to give Thy light to all infidels who know Thee not, to all heretics who are out of the Church, and to all sinners who live deprived of Thy grace. My Jesus, make Thyself known, make Thyself loved. I recommend to Thee all the souls in purgatory, and especially N. N.; alleviate the pains they suffer, and shorten the time of their banishment from Thy sight; do this through Thy merits, and those of Thy most holy Mother and of all Thy saints.

My God, enkindle the flame of Thy love within me, so that I may seek nothing but Thy

good pleasure, that nothing may please me but pleasing Thee; I drive from my heart everything which is not agreeable to Thee. May I always be able to say with real affection: O God, my God, I wish for Thee alone and nothing more. My Jesus, give me a great love for Thy most sacred Passion, that Thy sufferings and death may be ever before my eyes to excite me to love Thee always, and to make me desire to give Thee some grateful compensation for Thy so great love. Give me also a great love for the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, in which Thou hast made known the exceeding tenderness Thou hast for us. I also beg of Thee to give me a tender devotion to Thy most holy Mother: give me grace always to love and serve her, always to have recourse to her intercession, and to induce others to honor her and confide in her patronage; and grant to me and to all men ever to have a great confidence, first in the merits of Thy Passion, and then in the intercession of Mary.

I pray Thee to grant me a happy death. Grant that I may then receive Thee with great love in the Most Holy Viaticum, that in Thy

embrace, burning with a holy fire, and a great desire of seeing Thee, I may quit this life to cast myself at Thy feet as soon as it shall be my lot to behold Thee.

Above all, I pray Thee, O my Jesus, to give me the grace of prayer, that I may recommend myself always to Thee and Thy most holy Mother, especially in times of temptation: and I pray Thee, by Thy merits, to grant me holy perseverance and Thy holy love.

Bless me, my Jesus, and bless me altogether,—my soul, my body, my senses, and my faculties. Bless especially my tongue, that it may only speak for Thy glory. Bless my eyes, that they may not look at anything that might tempt me to displease Thee. Bless my taste, that it may not offend Thee by intemperance; and bless all the members of my body, that they may all serve Thee and not offend Thee. Bless my memory, that it may always remember Thy love and the favors Thou hast accorded me. Bless my understanding, that it may know Thy goodness, and the obligation I have of loving Thee; and that it may see all that I must avoid, and all that I must do to conform

myself to Thy holy will. Above all, bless my will, that it may love no other but Thee, the infinite Good; that it may seek for nothing but to please Thee, and may take delight in nothing but what conduces to Thy glory.

O my King, come Thou and reign alone in my soul; take entire possession of it, that it may neither serve nor obey anything but Thy love.

O my Jesus, that I might spend myself all for Thee, Who hast spent all Thy life for me!

O Lamb of God, sacrificed on the cross, remember that I am one of those souls which Thou hast redeemed with so much labor and sorrow. Never let me lose Thee again. Thou hast given Thyself all to me; make me to be all Thine, and let my only wish be to please Thee. I love Thee, O immense Good, in order to give Thee pleasure. I love Thee, because Thou art worthy of my love. I have no greater grief than that of thinking that I have been so long in the world without loving Thee.

My beloved Redeemer, give me a portion of that grief which Thou didst feel for my sins in

the Garden of Gethsemane. O my Jesus, would that I had died and never offended Thee! O love of my Jesus, Thou art my love and my hope! I will rather lose my life, and a thousand lives, than lose Thy grace.

My God, if I were to die in sin, I could no more love Thee. I thank Thee that Thou givest me time, and dost call me to love Thee. Now, then, that I can love Thee, I will love Thee with all my soul. Thou hast borne with me so long, that I might love Thee. Yes, and I will love Thee. Ah, by the blood that Thou hast shed for me, suffer me not to betray Thee again. "In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me not be confounded forever." What is the world? what are riches? what are pleasures? what are honors? God, God, I wish for God alone. My God, Thou art sufficient for me; Thou art an infinite Good.

O my Jesus, bind me wholly to Thy love, and draw all my affections to Thyself, so that I may love none other but Thee. Make me all Thine before I die.

Ah, my God, as long as I live I stand in danger of losing Thee. When shall the day come

that I can say: My Jesus, I can no longer lose Thee?

O eternal Father, for the love of Jesus Christ, despise me not; suffer me to love Thee, and give me Thy holy love. I wish to love Thee greatly in this life, that I may love Thee greatly in the next.

O infinite Good, I love Thee; but do Thou make me know the great good that I love, and give me the love which Thou dost desire to see in me. Enable me to overcome all things to please Thee.

Second Exercise: Before Holy Communion.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

O MY JESUS! I firmly believe that Thou art present here in this Most Blessed Sacrament, which I am about to receive, because Thou, the eternal Truth, hast revealed it.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O MY JESUS! I hope to receive in this Blessed Sacrament all the graces of which I

stand in need, even eternal happiness in heaven, because Thou, the eternal and unfailing Truth, hast promised it.

AN ACT OF CHARITY.

O MY JESUS! I love Thee in this Most Blessed Sacrament, as my God and Lord, as my Redeemer and Sanctifier.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O MY JESUS! I am heartily sorry for all my sins, because they have offended Thee, my God and Saviour.

AN ACT OF HUMILITY.

O MY JESUS! I am not worthy to receive Thee into my heart, but say only the word, and I shall be made worthy.

AN ACT OF DESIRE.

O MY JESUS! my God and Master! Come, I am longing after Thee; come, visit me, strengthen me, and keep me forever in Thy grace. Amen.

After Holy Communion.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

O MY JESUS! I believe in Thee, as in the eternal truth.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O MY JESUS! I hope in Thee, as in the infinite mercy.

AN ACT OF CHARITY.

O MY JESUS! I love Thee, as the eternal and supreme good of my soul.

AN ACT OF ADMIRATION.

O MY JESUS! how is it that Thou comest to visit me?

AN ACT OF OFFERING.

O MY JESUS! I offer to Thy service my body and my soul, all that I am, and all that I have, since Thou hast given them to me.

Prayer.

O MY JESUS! my Saviour and my Redeemer, remain within my heart by Thy divine grace,

and do not permit me to be ever separated
from Thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me:
Body of Christ, save me:
Blood of Christ, inebriate me:
Water from the side of Christ, wash me:
Passion of Christ, strengthen me:
O good Jesus, hear me:
Within Thy wounds hide me:
Permit me not to be separated from Thee:
From the malignant enemy defend me:
At the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to Thee;
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee
Forever and ever. Amen.

(Three hundred days' indulgence; after communion,
seven years; Pius IX., Jan. 9, 1854.)

We adore Thee, O most blessed Lord Jesus
Christ, we bless Thee; because by Thy holy
cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

(One hundred days' indulgence, once a day; Leo XIII.,
March 4, 1882.)

Sweet Heart of Jesus, be Thou my love.

(Three hundred days' indulgence; Leo XIII., June 18, 1892.)

Sweet Heart of Mary, be thou my salvation.

(Three hundred days' indulgence; Pius IX., Nov. 26, 1876.)

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

(Three hundred days' indulgence, Leo XIII., Sept. 10, 1878.)

Way of the Cross.

FIRST STATION: JESUS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

THROUGH love of me, O my Saviour, Thou didst submit to the sentence of death with the most resolute generosity. Through love of Thee, I have willingly condemned myself to die, wholly to die to my sinful nature, to my disorderly inclinations, especially to . . . I renew my engagement. . . . Give me the grace, through the sentence of Thine unjust death, to die to myself and to live to Thee.

SECOND STATION: JESUS RECEIVES HIS CROSS.

O JESUS, with what love didst 'thou behold and bear Thy cross! St. Andrew, though he

exclaimed on beholding the cross: "O holy cross, which I have so long yearned for!" had yet but one single spark of Thy love. In this wood of ignominy Thou didst behold the instrument of our redemption, and didst embrace it joyfully. The religious life is in like manner a cross, which, in order to work out my salvation, I have ardently longed for and joyfully taken upon my shoulders. But has not my zeal abated since I felt its weight? O my Jesus, restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and confirm me in Thy spirit, the spirit of sacrifice.

**THIRD STATION: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME
UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE CROSS.**

O MY SAVIOUR, Thou hast been willing to fall under the cross, in order to expiate my relapses, and to remind me to walk circumspectly. Ah, how much Thou didst suffer on account of sin! Through love of Thee I will carefully avail myself of the means which religion affords to preserve me from falling into sin. I will apply myself especially to acquire a spirit of watchfulness and will each day carefully examine my conscience.

**FOURTH STATION: JESUS IS MET BY HIS
BLESSED MOTHER.**

O JESUS, how much Thou and Thy holy Mother have suffered for my sake! Thy meeting with her at such a moment served to increase Thy anguish; whereas for me it is a consolation often to meet with the picture of Thy holy Mother. Would that this meeting may always rekindle my love, and encourage me to carry my cross manfully through love of Thee!

**FIFTH STATION: THE CROSS IS LAID UPON SIMON
OF CYRENE.**

It was but reluctantly that Simon helped Thee to carry Thy cross, O my Saviour; and yet with what great graces didst Thou reward this forced service! Constrain me also with holy violence to accompany Thee on the way to Calvary. Help me always to unite my crosses with Thine, that I may carry them with resignation and merit.

**SIXTH STATION: THE FACE OF JESUS IS WIPED
BY VERONICA.**

EVEN in the midst of Thy greatest sufferings, O my Saviour, Thou art always ready to console and reward. Thus, as an everlasting testimony that even the smallest service is not left unrewarded, Thou didst imprint the image of Thy holy face on the handkerchief which Veronica so lovingly offered Thee. She did indeed console Thee, O my Saviour, yet Thy Heart will be gladdened still more, if by my labor, interior combats, mortification and suffering I succeed in stamping Thy image upon my heart.

**SEVENTH STATION: JESUS FALLS A SECOND
TIME.**

FOR the second time Thou fallest painfully to the ground, O my divine Saviour; Thou becomest weak, that I may become strong. Give me the grace, by fervently attending to my spiritual exercises, to prevent myself and others from relapsing into sin. Through the prayer Thou didst make for me on this dolorous jour-

ney, teach me the art of praying under the weight of my cross.

**EIGHTH STATION: THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM
MOURN FOR OUR LORD.**

How happy the women of Jerusalem are, for having been spoken to by Thee, O my Jesus! And yet I am no less happy, since Thou speakest so often to my heart. O, give me the grace to live a life of silence and recollection, that I may understand Thy Word, which has the power to touch and change hearts. Speak Thou to me, O Lord, for without Thee every human word is vain and fruitless.

**NINTH STATION: JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME
UNDER THE CROSS.**

How often, O my Jesus, in order to accomplish my redemption, hast Thou been obliged to rise from a painful fall! Thou hast thereby acquired for me the grace that after relapsing into sin, I may not remain lying therein, but that each time I may courageously and resolutely rise again. This then will I do. Know-

ing, as Thou dost, how to draw good from evil, Thou wilt enable me to profit by my faults, if I repent sincerely of them and humble myself with all my heart.

TENTH STATION: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS.

THROUGH love of me, O my Saviour, Thou hast left behind Thee the riches of heaven and hast despised the goods of this earth; and now Thou allowest Thyself, in untold pain, to be stripped of Thy holy garment. O, remove from my heart whatever might attach it to the earth, and let me be perfectly poor for the love of Thee!

ELEVENTH STATION: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

HAIL, holy wounds, tokens of the love of my Saviour, fountains of grace, refuge of all repentant sinners! Within you I hide myself with all my senses; to you I commend my soul with all its powers; within you I enclose my heart with all its affections, that through the

power of the precious blood which has flowed from you, I may observe perfectly my vow of chastity.

TWELFTH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS.

IN spirit I behold Thee, my Saviour, accomplishing in fearful torments that sacrifice of obedience which Thou didst begin on entering into the world, and which in unspeakable labors and privations Thou didst continue all Thy life. Thou desirest to be my model in the obedience which I have vowed. What confusion for me, if I compare what is asked from me with what was required from Thee! Would that my obedience were like to Thine!

THIRTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS.

O MARY, who in the midst of bitter anguish didst practise the works of charity towards the lifeless remains of thy divine Son, Model and Mother of all Brothers and Sisters of Charity, let us never forget that it is to thy divine Son Himself that we render the service done to the

least of our fellow-men. Let us perform each act of charity with a pure intention, and may thy sweet heart make up for every deficiency in ours.

FOURTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS LAID IN THE SEPULCHRE.

WHAT rest, what stillness, in this holy sepulchre! Give me, O Jesus, the grace to be hidden with Thee in the sepulchre of holy religion; let me, unknown to the world and known only to Thee, practise works of charity. With all my heart I relinquish everything that is of no avail for my salvation. I will truly die to the world, and give up every claim to see, hear, know, or do what might impede the hidden, supernatural, divine life within me.

Examination of Conscience.

I. ON THE SERVICE OF THE SICK IN GENERAL.

1. HAVE I considered my vocation—sick-nursing—as a special grace and as an honor of which, on account of my sins, I am unworthy?

2. Have I served the sick with a lively faith

and a holy reverence, as serving Our Saviour Himself?

3. Have I slighted any of the sick, treated them with indifference or coldness?

4. Have I done my best to serve them well and conscientiously, and to procure them every relief, shunning neither trouble nor difficulty?

5. Have I been the cause of suffering or privation to some one or other of the sick, because I failed in charity, or because I had a secret aversion for them?

6. Have I borne patiently with the innocent caprices of the sick? Or have I, by contradiction, caused them to be discontented, to murmur, to complain?

7. Has my whole exterior bespoken love, friendliness, and heartfelt compassion?

8. Have I been equally loving to all; or have I shown greater attention to those who better suited my natural inclination?

9. Have I tried to allay the sorrows of the sick, endeavoring to stay them up by the consoling motives of religion?

10. Have I encouraged them to be patient

and resigned, thus to render their sufferings meritorious?

11. When obliged to admonish or reprimand the sick, have I done so with every possible forbearance and charity?

12. Have I without necessity spoken of the faults of the sick or the concerns of their friends?

13. Have I without any reason, simply through talkativeness, given circulation to news which I heard accidentally?

14. Have I allowed the mental weaknesses, the rudeness and ingratitude of the sick to deter me from serving them with all devotedness?

15. Have I purposely made use of the love and confidence of the sick to win their special affection, so that they wished only to be nursed and served by me?

16. Have I invariably refused the aid of others, because I thought no one was as clever as myself?

17. Have I perhaps devoted myself to the service of the poor, not through love of God and in the spirit of penance, but through vanity and ambition, to gain human praise?

18. Have I, while serving the sick, limited my exertions to the care of their bodies, without being mindful of the salvation of their souls?

II. CONCERNING THE CARE TO BE BESTOWED ON
THE SALVATION OF THE SICK.

1. HAVE I looked upon sick-nursing as a means to win souls to God?

2. Have I endeavored to excite in the hearts of the sick a desire of their salvation?

3. Have I considered prayer and the spirit of sacrifice to be the most efficacious means to win the sick man to God?

4. Have I availed myself of favorable opportunities now and then to say some edifying words and give rise to pious thoughts?

5. When the state of the patient became dangerous, have I at once done everything I could to induce him to receive the holy sacraments?

6. Have I frequently offered up to God my prayers and good works for those entrusted to my care?

7. In the care of the spiritual welfare of the sick, have I confided too much in my own powers and exertions, and too little in the grace of God?

8. Have I reminded the sick that they can expiate the punishments due to their sins, by bearing their pains in the spirit of penance?

9. Have I encouraged them to pray, especially for obtaining the grace to bear their sufferings with patience and merit?

10. Have I taught them to keep themselves united with God by short ejaculatory prayers?

11. Have I exhorted them to bear with each other lovingly, meekly and patiently?

12. Have I tolerated too great familiarity among them?

13. Have I through want of vigilance become the cause that evil was done?

14. Have I always been solicitous to edify them more by my example than by my words?

15. Have I considered it my sacred duty to assist the sick given to my care by pious exhortations, especially in their agony?

16. Have I diligently prayed for them, even after their decease?

**III. CONCERNING THE CARE FOR ONE'S OWN
SALVATION.**

1. HAVE I allowed myself to be carried away by external activity and thereby neglected my own salvation?

2. Have I indulged in continual distraction of mind, rarely entering into myself, neglecting examination of conscience and the regular reception of the holy sacraments?

3. Have I looked for futile pretexts, in order to omit common exercises, reading, meditation, etc.?

4. Have I wilfully given in to distraction during meditation, office, and other spiritual exercises?

5. Have I each day renewed my good resolutions and endeavored to put them into practice?

6. Have I manifested dislike and discontent when I was called upon by obedience to make some sacrifice, especially with regard to the service of the sick?

7. Have I, in order to comply with the

wishes of the sick, acted contrary to the orders of my superiors or of the physician?

8. Have I been punctual in observing the Rule, chiefly with respect to silence, loving charitableness to the sick, as also to circumspection in conversing with the inmates of the house?

9. Have I, without leave, accepted or given something to others? have I at least later on mentioned it to my superiors and obtained their approval?

10. Have I also, when outside the house, maintained myself in the spirit of poverty and not asked for unnecessary comforts, choice food and drink?

11. Have I in my whole demeanor observed the modesty and reserve suitable to the religious state?

12. Have I in every respect been cautious and decent in tending the sick?

13. Have I strictly made the sick themselves observe the greatest decency?

14. Have I endeavored to avoid too great familiarity?

15. Have I engaged in unnecessary or even

unseemly discourse with the sick, or the inmates of the house?

16. Have I been temperate in eating and drinking, especially in regard of strong spirituous liquors?

17. Have I candidly informed my superiors of the difficulties and dangers which I met with in the service of the sick?

18. Have I, in the tribunal of penance, simply and frankly accused myself not only of my sins, but also of my temptations and the causes thereof?

19. Have I, while serving the sick, been solicitous to seek only God's pleasure and not vain human praise?

Prayers to the Saints.

TO ST. ALEXIUS.

(July 14th.)

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Light of confessors, we thank Thee for having given us so many shining examples of virtue in the holy confessors, who by word and deed, prayer and morti-

fication, penance and obedience, chastity and humility, as also by works of mercy, have shown us the way to heaven; graciously grant, through the intercession of St. Alexius, Thy confessor, that we may faithfully profess with heart and mouth, in our work and life the salutary doctrine of our holy Church. Who livest and reignest, etc.

TO ST. ELIZABETH.

(November 19th.)

DEAR St. Elizabeth, illuminated by supernatural light, and endowed with an unshaken faith, which showed thee to be a true daughter of the holy Gospel; thou who didst see in the person of thy neighbor the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the sole object of thy affections; and therefore didst place all thy delight in holding converse with the poor, in serving them, in drying their tears and comforting them in their sorrows, in assisting them with devoted charity, in the midst of pestilence and all kinds of miseries. Thou who, in order to

succor thy neighbor in his poverty, didst make thyself poor in the good things of earth, to enrich thyself with the goods of heaven. While we bless the Lord for having glorified His name in this world with the splendor of thy heroic virtues, and by the eternal reward He has granted to them, do thou, dear St. Elizabeth, protect us in our dangerous pilgrimage, obtain for us by thy intercession pardon for our failings, and open to us the way to enter into and share with thee the kingdom of God. Amen.

TO ST. ROCH.*

(August 16th.)

It is with all confidence that we have recourse to thee, great intercessor with God, our holy patron St. Roch! So many towns and countries have felt the effect of thy protection, and the whole Church honors thee as a powerful patron against pestilence and contagious diseases. We beseech thee, then, through that

* Patron against pestilence and contagious diseases.

love with which thou didst console and cure the sick in the hospitals, make now from the abode of thy heavenly splendor the sign of the cross over us and our country; offer thy great merits to our irritated God, that the avenging angel may pass by our dwellings and that we may graciously be spared. Amen.

TO ST. JOHN OF GOD.

(March 8th.)

O God, by Whose power Blessed John, all on fire with Thy love, walked unhurt amidst the flames, and Who through him didst beget new progeny to Thy Church! Grant, we beseech Thee, that by virtue of his merits pleading for us, we may be healed of our sins in the fire of Thy charity, and obtain remedies that are eternal. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

TO ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS.*

(*July 28th.*)

O GLORIOUS St. Camillus, special patron of the sick, who during forty years didst devote thyself with truly heroic charity to the relief of their spiritual and temporal miseries: since holy Church has confided them to thy mighty protection, deign, from thy heavenly glory, to come now to their assistance. Obtain for them either the cure of their maladies, or patience and Christian resignation, that they may be strengthened and sanctified at the hour of their departure out of this world, and at the same time obtain for us the grace in life and death to imitate thee in the practice of divine love. Amen.

Our Father, etc. Hail Mary, etc.

(Two hundred days' indulgence once a day, applicable to the holy souls; Leo XIII., Feb. 27, 1894.)

* Pope Leo XIII., in 1896, named him, as well as St. John of God "patron of all the hospitals and sick," and ordered their names to be inserted into the Church's Litany of the Dying.

TO ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO.

(November 4th.)

O ST. CHARLES, whose chief wish and aspiration had God for its object: no sacrifice was too great, no privation too hard for thee, when the poor and unfortunate needed thy help. In times of famine and pestilence in order to give them assistance thou didst deny thyself every comfort, and devote thyself to the service of thy poor brethren, to whom thou wast in truth an angel of mercy. How great is our happiness that Jesus has furnished us with an opportunity of serving Him in the person of the poor and the sick! We are determined always to do it, with so much zeal and charity that we may one day merit the reward which is promised to the merciful. Like unto thy divine Model, thou wast zealous for the salvation of souls; like unto Him thou didst offer thyself unreservedly in sacrifice. Thou knowest the value of the precious blood of Our Redeemer and wouldst willingly have shed thine for the salvation of souls so dearly ransomed.

What greater grace could we ask from thee, O St. Charles, than that of rightly appreciating the worth of a soul? This knowledge would encourage us to spare no effort to obtain the salvation of our own souls and those of our brethren. Thy apostolic zeal is now far greater than it was on earth, therefore save our souls, save the souls of our friends, save the souls of all those who are confided to our care. In all thy works of love, O dear St. Charles, thou soughtest only the good of thy fellow-men, not their thanks and gratitude; continuing to do good calmly and perseveringly even when heartless ingratitude alone was thy reward; for then an eternal recompense was all the more surely in store for thee. We too ask for nothing but this eternal reward; obtain it for us, preserve it for us unfailingly, and help us to increase it every day. Amen.

TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.*

(July 19th.)

O GLORIOUS St. Vincent, heavenly patron of all associations of Christian charity, and father of all the needy, thou who during thy earthly pilgrimage didst never reject any one who had recourse to thee: behold how many evils weigh upon us, and deign to come to our help. Obtain from the Lord support for the poor, relief for the sick, consolation for the afflicted, protection for the destitute, sympathizing mercy in the rich, the conversion of sinners, apostolic zeal for clergy, peace to holy Church, tranquillity among nations, and salvation for all. Yes, may all experience the effects of thy merciful intercession, that after having been favored with thy assistance in the various miseries of this life, we may one day be united with thee on high, "where there shall be no more mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow, but

* Pope Leo XIII., declared him (1885) the "patron saint" of all works and associations of Christian charity.

joy, rapture and everlasting bliss" (Apoc.).
Amen.

(One hundred days' indulgence once a day; Leo XIII.,
June 23, 1885.)

MODUS COMMUNICANDI INFIRMUM.

Sacerdos ingrediens locum ubi jacet infirmus dicat:

V. Pax huic domui.

R. Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.

Tum depositum Sacramentum super mensa, supposito corporali, genuflexus adorat, omnibus in genua procumbentibus: et mox accepta Aqua benedicta, aspergit infirmum et cubiculum dicens Antiphonam.

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo, et munda-
bor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam
misericordiam tuam: et secundum multitudi-
nem miserationum tuarum dele iniquitatem
meam.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et
in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Deinde repetitur Antiphona: *Asperges me, etc.*

Postea: V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cælum et terram.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

EXAUDI nos, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus: et mittere digneris sanctum Angelum tuum de cœlis, qui custodiat, foveat, protegat, visitet, atque defendat omnes habitantes in hoc habitaculo. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

His dictis, accedat ad infirmum, ut cognoscat, num sit bene dispositus ad suscipiendum sacrum Viaticum, et utrum velit aliqua peccata confiteri; et illum audiat atque absolvat: quamvis prius deberet esse rite confessus, nisi necessitas aliter urgeat.

Postea facta de more Confessione generali (*Confiteor*) sive ab infirmo, sive ejus nomine ab alio, Sacerdos dicit:

Misereatur, etc., Indulgentiam, etc.

Deinde facta genuflexione, accipit Sacramentum de vasculo atque illud elevans ostendit infirmo dicens:

Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccata mundi.

Et more solito ter dicat:

Domine, non sum dignus, ut intres sub tecum meum, sed tantum dic verbo et sanabitur anima mea.

Et infirmus simul cum Sacerdote dicat eadem verba, saltem semel submissa voce. Tum Sacerdos dans infirmo Eucharistiam, dicat:

Accipe frater (soror) Viaticum corporis Domini nostri Jesu Christi, qui te custodiat ab hoste maligno, et perducatur in vitam æternam. Amen.

Si vero Communio non datur per modum Viatici, dicat more ordinario:

Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam æternam. Amen.

Quod si mors immineat, et periculum sit in mora, tunc dicto: *Misereatur*, etc., prædictis precibus omnibus vel ex parte omissis, ei statim Viaticum præbeatur.

Postea Sacerdos abluit digitos, nihil dicens: et infirmo detur ablutio. Deinde dicat:

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus, te fideliter deprecamur, ut accipienti fratri nostro (sorori nostræ) sacrosanctum Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Filii tui, tam corpori, quam animæ prosit ad remedium sempiternum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Si altera sacra species reportanda sit ad ecclesiam, Sacerdos antequam ab infirmo discedat, genuflectit, surgit et accipiens vas cum Sacramento, facit cum eo signum crucis, nihil dicens, et cum pervenerit ad Ecclesiam, ponit Sacramentum super Altare, adorat et deinde dicit:

V. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis.

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue quæsumus; ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra

mysteria venerari: ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus: Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Postea cum Sacramento in pyxide velo cooperta facit signum crucis super populum nihil dicens. Postremo illud in loco suo reponat.

**Ordo Administrandi Sacramentum Extremæ
Uctionis.**

Sacerdos, cum pervenerit ad locum, ubi jacet infirmus, aqua benedicta et cubiculum et circumstantes aspergit, dicens Antiphonam:

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor:
lavabis me et super nivem dealbabor.

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam, et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum dele iniquitatem meam.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat, etc.

Deinde repetitur Antiphona: *Asperges me.* Quodsi ægrotus voluerit confiteri, audiat illum, et absolvat. Deinde piis verbis illum consoletur, et de hujus Sacra-

menti vi atque efficacia, si tempus ferat, breviter admoneat, et quantum opus sit, ejus animam confirmet et in spem erigat vitæ æternæ.

Postea dicat: V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

INTROEAT, Domine Jesu Christe, domum hanc sub nostræ humilitatis ingressu, æterna felicitas, divina prosperitas, serena lætitia, caritas fructuosa, sanitas sempiterna; effugiat ex hoc loco accessus dæmonum; adsint Angeli pacis, domumque hanc deserat omnis maligna discordia. Magnifica, Domine, super nos nomen sanctum tuum; et benedic ✝ nostræ conversationi: sanctifica nostræ humilitatis ingressum, qui sanctus et qui pius es, et permanes cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Oremus, et deprecemur Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, ut benedicendo benedicat ✝ hoc tabernaculum et omnes habitantes in eo, et

let eis Angelum bonum custodem, et faciat eos sibi servire ad considerandum mirabilia de lege sua; avertat ab eis omnes contrarias potestates: eripiat eos ab omni formidine et ab omni perturbatione, ac sanos in hoc tabernaculo custodire dignetur. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivit et regnat Deus in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Oremus.

Exaudi nos, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus: et mittere digneris sanctum Angelum tuum de cœlis, qui custodiat, foveat, protegat, visitet, atque defendat omnes habitantes in hoc habitaculo. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Amen.

Quæ orationes, si tempus non patiat, ex parte vel ex toto poterunt omitti. Tum de more facta Confessione generali (*Confiteor*, etc.) latino vel vulgari sermone, Sacerdos dicit:

Misereatur, etc. Indulgentiam, etc.

Antequam incipiat ungere infirmum, moneat adstantes, ut pro illo orent, dum ipse Sacramentum administrat. Mox dicat:

In nomine Patris ✠ et Filii ✠ et Spiritus Sancti ✠ exstinguatur in te omnis virtus diaboli per impositionem manuum nostrarum et per invocationem omnium sanctorum Angelorum, Archangelorum, Patriarcharum, Prophetarum, Apostolorum, Martyrum, Confessorum, Virginum atque omnium simul Sanctorum. Amen.

Deinde intincto pollice in Oleo sancto, in modum crucis ungit infirmum in partibus hic subscriptis, aptando proprio loco verba formae in hunc modum:

Ad oculos:

Per istam sanctam Uctionem ✠ et suam piissimam misericordiam indulgeat tibi Dominus quidquid per *visum* deliquisti. Amen.

Ad aures:

Per istam . . . quidquid per *auditum* deliquisti. Amen.

Ad nares:

Per istam . . . quidquid per *odorum* deliquisti. Amen.

Ad labia compressa:

Per istam . . . quidquid per *gustum* et *locutionem* deliquisti. Amen.

Ad manus:

Per istam . . . quidquid per *tactum* deliquisti. Amen.

Ad pedes:

Per istam . . . quidquid per *grëssum* dereliquisti. Amen.

Ad lumbos sive renes:

Per istam . . . quidquid per *lumborum delectationem* deliquisti. Amen.

Hæc autem unctio ad lumbos omittitur semper in feminis et etiam in viris, qui ob infirmitatem vix aut sine periculo moveri non possunt. Quibus peractis Sacerdos dicit:

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Pater noster, etc.

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. Salvum fac servum tuum (ancillam tuam, Domine.

R. Deus meus, sperantem in te.

V. Mitte ei, Domine, auxilium de Sancto,

R. Et de Sion tuere eum (eam).

V. Esto ei, Domine, turris fortitudinis.

R. A facie inimici.

V. Nihil proficiat inimicus in eo (ea).

R. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere ei.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

DOMINE Deus, qui per Apostolum tuum Jacobum locutus es: Infirmatur quis in vobis? inducat Presbyteros Ecclesiæ, et orent super eum, ungentes eum oleo in nomine Domini; et oratio fidei salvabit infirmum, et alleviabit eum Dominus, et si in peccatis sit, remittentur ei; cura, quæsumus, Redemptor noster, gratia sancti Spiritus languores istius infirmi (infirmæ) ejusque sana vulnera et dimitte peccata, atque dolores cunctos mentis et corporis ab eo (ea) expelle, plenamque interius et exterius sanitatem misericorditer redde, ut ope misericordiae tuæ restitutus (restituta) ad pristina reparetur officia: Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Oremus.

RESPICE, quæsumus, Domine, famulum tuum (ancillam tuam) N., in infirmitate sui corporis fatiscentem et animam refove, quam creasti, ut castigationibus emendatus (a) se tua sentiat medicina salvatum (am). Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Oremus.

DOMINE sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus, qui benedictionis tuæ gratiam ægris infundendo corporibus facturam tuam multiplici pietate custodis: ad invocationem tui nominis benignus assiste; ut famulum tuum (ancillam tuam) ab ægritudine liberatum (am), et sanitate donatum (am), dextera tua erigas, virtute confirmes, potestate tuearis atque Ecclesiae tuæ sanctæ cum omni desiderata prosperitate restituas. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

In casu maximi periculi uti licet * hac forma:

Per istam ✝ sanctam unctionem et suam piissimam misericordiam indulgeat tibi Dominus,

* Si mortis periculum adeo immineat, ut omnes unctiones

quidquid deliquisti per sensus, visum, auditum, gustum, odoratum et tactum. Amen.

Ordodandi Absolutionem Generalem in Articulo Mortis.

Sacerdos ingrediens cubiculum infirmi dicat:

V. Pax huic domui.

R. Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.

Deinde ægrotum, et cubiculum, et circumstantes aspergat Aqua benedicta, dicendo Antiphonam: *Asperges me*, etc.

Quod si ægrotus voluerit confiteri, audiat illum, et absolvat. Si Confessionem non petat, excitet illum ad eliciendum actum contritionis; de hujus Benedictionis efficacia ac virtute, si tempus ferat, breviter admoneat; tum instruat, atque hortetur, ut morbi incommoda ac dolores in anteactæ vitæ expiationem libenter perferat, Deoque sese paratum offerat ad ultro acceptandum quidquid ei placuerit, et mortem ipsam patienter obeundam in satisfactionem pœnarum, quas peccando promeruit.

non videantur posse debito modo peragi, sacerdos faciat unam unctionem, sub conditione *si valeat*, in aliquo sensu (consultius tamen in fronte, cum omnium sensuum nervi descendant a capite), utens forma ut supra; ideo præmittendo verbum *deliquisti* quia si proferatur in fine et interim aeger moriatur, nullum est Sacramentum. Si ægrotus supervivat, unctionem repetendæ sunt in singulis sensibus et addendæ cæteræ omisssæ orationes.

Tum piis ipsum verbis consoletur, in spem erigens, fore, ut ex divinæ munificentiae largitate eam poenarum remissionem et vitam sit consecuturus æternam.—Tunc pergit:

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cælum et terram.

Antiphona:

Ne reminiscaris, Domine, delicta famuli tui (ancillæ tuæ), neque vindictam sumas de peccatis ejus.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Pater noster, etc.

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. Salvum (am) fac servum tuum (ancillam tuam).

R. Deus meus, sperantem in te.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

CLEMENTISSIME Deus, Pater misericordiarum et Deus totius consolationis, qui neminem vis

perire in te credentem; atque sperantem: secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum respice propitius super famulum tuum (ancillam tuam) N. N., quem (quam) tibi vera fides et spes christiana commendant. Visita eum (eam) in salutari tuo, et per Unigeniti tui passionem et mortem, omnium ei delictorum suorum remissionem et veniam clementer indulge: ut ejus anima in hora exitus sui te Judicem propitiatum inveniatur; et in Sanguine ejusdem Filii tui ab omni macula abluta transire ad vitam mereatur perpetuam. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Tum dicto ab uno ex astantibus Confessione generali (*Confiteor*, etc.) Sacerdos dicat: *Misereatur*, etc. *Indulgentiam*, etc. Deinde:

Dominus noster Jesus Christus, Filius Dei vivi, qui beato Petro Apostolo suo dedit potestatem ligandi atque solvendi, per suam piissimam misericordiam recipiat confessionem tuam, et restituat tibi stolam primam, quam in baptis-mate recepisti; et ego facultate mihi ab Apostolica Sede tributa, indulgentiam ple-

nariam, et remissionem omnium peccatorum tibi concedo.

In nomine Patris ✝ et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Per sacrosanctæ humanæ reparationis mysteria, remittat tibi omnipotens Deus omnes præsentis, et futuræ vitæ pœnas, Paradisi portas aperiat, et ad gaudia sempiterna perducatur. Amen.

Benedicat te omnipotens Deus, Pater ✝ et Filius et Spiritus Sanctus. Amen.

Si infirmus esset morti proximus, Sacerdos statim ei impertiatur præfatam benedictionem:

Dominus noster Jesus Christus, etc.

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